



Knowing Jesus

Sharing God's Love

Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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11th May – 4th Sunday of Easter

10am Morning Worship

Lead: Ed A/V: Mike S & Steve J

Stewards: Janet S & Wendy

Welcome, Notices & Banns

RB117 Praise to the Holiest in the Height

Confession & Absolution

RB 122 How Sweet the name of Jesus Sounds

Reading 1 Peter 1:1-9 (Karen)

Anthem: Christ is Risen (Martin How)

Reading Luke 3:7-14 (Steve)

Sermon

Creed (Apostles')

RB141 The Head that once was crowned with thorns

Intercessions (David)

Collect

MP 224 He who would valiant be

Blessing

Church Café

Jane Y and Sally

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Insulted by the Truth?

Froward and unable worm? Three-inch fool? As thick as Tewkesbury mustard? Shakespeare was a genius insults that amuse those listening – and also make us think again before we really understand them. But could an insult also be a gift to the one insulted, revealing something that is both true and fixable?

One of John the Baptist's most memorable phrases is just such an insult: You Brood of Vipers. This is what he called the people coming to hear him and wanting to be baptised by him. Not quite the message his PR advisors would recommend! But John wasn't about PR, he was about truth. And if Viper is a fitting metaphor, maybe we need to hear it?

John's message was of repentance; those coming to him knew they were wrong and needed to change. So they asked, and he told them: stop putting yourself first, start being a neighbour – bear fruit in keeping with repentance from your selfishness.

And then he pointed them to Jesus – who, he said, will baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire. Repentance is important, but not enough. Sin leads to death, but "In his great mercy he has given us new birth ... through the resurrection ..." (1 Pet 1:3).

Raymond.



✓ Relieving Hunger
✓ Restoring Dignity
✓ Reviving Hope

Our mission is to feed the hungry and advocate for the vulnerable.

With rising demand, we need more volunteers at our centres

We are looking for empathetic people to listen to our clients and unflappable volunteers to pack food for those clients

If this sounds like you, please contact
Fran@westberks.foodbank.org.uk

Can you support your local foodbank?

Christian Aid Week 11 to 18 May help needed!

Delivery-only envelope distributors

Addresses for return of envelopes

Tin collectors on 17 May at

Pinchington Lane Retail Park

Cakes and plants

for sale after church 18 May

Please let Libby know at church, on
01635 30719 or email
libby.goldsack@btinternet.com

Christian Aid Myanmar Earthquake Appeal

£151 was given in church, plus gift aid, and also online donations.

Thank you to all donors.

Green tip

Adopt wartime spirit and “make do and mend”. If you can’t do it yourself, take it to the Repair Shop, next one Sunday 25 May 2 to 4.30pm at Newbury Methodist Church.

Roy Pratley is recruiting more bell ringers to ring six bells for services and other events. No previous experience necessary – our expert instructors will fully train you to handle the bells safely. Open to anyone aged 13 or older. To find out more, contact Roy on 079810103696 or roypratley@yahoo.co.uk. “We cannot wait to warmly welcome some new faces to the ringing life!”

For Prayer

At Shaw Church, we keep a list of people who have asked for public prayer. If you would like to be included, please let the office know.



- ***Cynthia Lane, Mark Hutson, June Milsom, Geoffrey Keegan, Brian Eaton, Ruth Fisher (now back home), Maggie Wiseman.***
- ***Our nursing home fellowship members, including Joan Lamonby, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Sheila Smith, Mansour Ashfari.***
- ***For the Boys' Brigade***
- ***The residents of Rowan Drive & Dolman Rd***
- ***Our ministers Raymond and Ed, and all those who support us in services***

Shaw Church Prayer Chain is available if you would like confidential prayer, please contact Libby on 01635 30719 or libby.goldsack@btinternet.com and she will circulate your request.

What's on in the coming week:

Monday	12 th	Myrtle Café	10:30 – 12:30	Church Centre	David
Tuesday	13 th	Meeting Point	9:45 – 11:15	Church Centre	Libby
Wednesday	14 th	Morning Prayer	9.15 – 10.00	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10.00 – 12.00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Midweek Communion	10:30	Church	Ed/Raymond
		Boys Brigade & Girls Association	18:00 -	Church Centre	

Next Sunday, 18th May

10:00 Holy Communion

Leader	EY	Sermon	RO
Intercessions	Mary D		
Stewards	Rachel	Lesley/Ros	
Café	Barbara & Janet		
Sound & Visuals	Steve J	Mike S	
Readings	Psalm 127	George	
	Luke 6:46-49	Derek	