



**St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington
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Sunday 11th October 10am

Morning Prayer

Lead/Sermon: Raymond

A/V Mike S & Wendy

Stewards: Rachel & Paul

Welcome, Notices

RB 200 Fill thou my life (1347)

Presentation of Baptism candidate

Anthem Lead me Lord

Reading 1 Jn 2:15-17: Heather

Reading Matt 18:1-9: Paul

All Age Address

(RB 217 Be thou my guardian)

Baptism

MP 189 God is working his purpose out (134)

Intercessions: Sally

Collect (Baptism)

RB 207 Praise to the Lord the almighty

Blessing

Church Café: Lesley & Diana

Collect (Baptism)

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.

Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of **YOUR** Son, Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and for ever. **Amen**

How shall I go?

I've been going to Theale on Wednesday's for lunch. The first couple of weeks, I cycled. It's economical (no petrol), it's good for my fitness (lungs and legs get a good workout), I might even be allowed an extra piece of chocolate!

But some people pointed out how dangerous are the roads (Google suggested the Canal Towpath, which is a bit of a curate's egg – excellent in parts, but the parts that aren't spoil the whole).

For the sake of time (it's an hour to cycle, much less to drive) and to avoid the rain, I drove weeks 3 and 4.

Good reasons to do this, good reasons to do that, but being one traveller I have to choose. What is my priority? One more week to go. Shall I cycle or shall I drive? Perhaps the most significant priority choice we make is between our love for the world and our love for the World's creator. The World is amazing, and beautiful, and exciting, and tempting, and full of opportunities. The apostle John explains why our creator must come first: "The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever." 1Jn2:17

Raymond

Remote Action (things to do from your home to make a difference)

1. Link to Hope Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Could you pack a box of essentials and cheering items for a deprived family or elderly person in Eastern Europe? Take a leaflet (includes form) from church. Please follow instructions carefully as they need specific items and packing and must have the official form attached with £3. Boxes need to be in church by Remembrance Sunday, 8 November. Or you could contribute items, by 2 November if possible - box in church. Or pay for Link to Hope to pack one for you (follow link).

More information at <https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2026/>

2. Sign a petition by Trussell Trust (who run our food bank) urging the government to stop local housing benefit lagging behind rising rents <https://action.trussell.org.uk/local-housing-allowance?>

3. The Leprosy Mission catalogue is full of Fairtrade, green and ethical products, including clothes, gifts, household items etc as well as food. Also, a great array of books, Christian and general. Borrow a catalogue from the information stall in the church centre or browse at <https://www.theleprosymissionshop.com/> Order through me postage free.

Libby Goldsack 01635 30719 or libby.goldsack@btinternet.com

St Mary The Virgin Shaw cum Donnington

Sunday 1st November 2026

at 3 pm

A Service of Remembering

Reverend Raymond Obin and the Pastoral Team, invite those living with loss to a time for reflecting, lighting a candle and remembering loved ones.

Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted' Matt 5:4



Tea and Cake will be served in the Church Centre following this service

Important Notice

The Cedar Tree outside the Church Centre Entrance is deemed unsafe by West Berks Council, and it will be cut down.

For now, please don't use the usual entrance into or out of the Church Centre.

If you can't enter through the church, go to the South side of the Church (turn right after the Lychgate) and follow the path round to the back door into the Church Centre.



Green Tip

Mind the gap!

Get your house ready for winter by plugging draughts, putting foil backing behind radiators, and moving sofas and chairs away from them.

HOME GROUP

Now Ed and Jane have moved on, the homegroup that met at the Rectory has obviously finished.

We are planning to start a new homegroup which will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month at our house - 21 Hedgeway, RG14 2PB.

We will stick with Ed's format of arriving from 7.15pm onwards for tea/coffee and Bible study starting at 7.45, ending around 9 - 9.15pm.

Everyone is very welcome, but if you could please let me know if you plan to come so I know how many chairs we will need! Thank you.

You can email me at rosandmike.stuart@googlemail.com or ring 01635 580145/07909 507342.

Both have answer phones. nd I will be in Church on Sunday if you want to speak to me.

The dates of homegroup for the rest of this term will be

14th and 28th October **11th and 25th November** and **9th December.**

In memory of Shirley

Shirley's nephew has shared the details below, should anyone wish to donate,

Donations, if so desired, to either 'Tearfund' will kindly be received by the

Funeral directors Hywel Griffiths & Sons 01269593637

or via just giving link below:

www.justgiving.com/page/shirley-yvonne-edwards

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.

- *Brian Eaton, Ruth Fisher, Cynthia Lane, June Milsom, Maggie Wiseman.*
- *Our nursing home fellowship members, including Joan Lamony, Chris Fenwick, Pat Lee, Mansour Afshari, Arthur Marshall.*
- *For the Boys' Brigade and Girls Association*
- *Residents of Pike St, Collins Close & Trout Walk*
- *Our minister Raymond 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.

Monday	12th October	Myrtle Community Cafe	10.30 – 12.00	Church Centre	David
Tuesday	13th October	Meeting Point	9.45 – 11.15	Church Centre	Libby
Wednesday	14th October	Morning Prayer	9:15-10:00	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10:00	Garden Centre	Mary D
		Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association	6.15-7.45	Church/Centre	Jane O
		Home Group	7.15 – 9.15	21, RG14 2PB.	Ros
Sunday	18th October	Holy Communion Bellringers present	10:00	Church	Raymond

Next Sunday, Holy Communion 10am Leader / Sermon Marion de Quidt

A/V: Jacob & Rachel

Stewards: Sally & Ros

Reading 1: 1Jn3:1-18: Lisa

Reading 2: Matt 17:14-20: David

LCA & CA Ros & Wendy

Intercessions: Wendy

Café: Heather & Mary R

At St Mary's, we value the offerings people make to the work of the church: in their time, activity and money. We will not be passing an offering plate or basket round during the service today. If you would like to support the work of the church financially, please use offering plate or tap-and-go machine by the door, or visit shawchurch.org/giving or scan the QR code.

If you would like to give to the church regularly, please see parishgiving.org.uk

