



Welcome to St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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Welcome to St. Mary's Shaw cum Donnington!

Sunday 11th February Lent –1

10:00am Morning Worship

With baptisms of Kai and Lizzie

Romans is for the Faithful

Leader: Raymond Speaker: Ed

Stewards: Mark and Wendy

Welcome and notices

Song: Joyful, joyful

Presentation of the candidates, etc.

MP530 O I will sing to you

Romans 1: 1-17 (Jane Y)

Sermon and pop up Sunday School (JO)

Baptisms

Song: O Lord my God

Intercessions: Libby

The Lord's Prayer

Collect

MP200 Great is Thy Faithfulness

Giving of the candles

Final blessing

Church café: Lesley A and
Diana



12:30 Church Lunch for Sally

Word for the week -

What is the Gospel for?

Most of us have household objects that we use for something different to the thing they were made for. Perhaps it's a straightened-out paper clip we use to press hard to reach buttons, or a book that's acting as a doorstep. Sometimes, like the paperclip, we're not missing out on much. Other times, as with the book, we're missing out on the main thing it can give us.

There are lots of things that the Gospel can be used for. You can use the Gospel to gain a sense of purpose in life. The Gospel can form the basis for happier and healthier societies. It can act as a model for moments of truth and reconciliation. The Gospel can undoubtedly help with your emotional wellbeing.

All these things are good, but we fail to realise just how powerful the Gospel is until we use it for the thing it is for. Paul says in our reading today "I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes". (Rom 1:16 ESV) The reason the Gospel has power to heal societies and bring purpose and joy is because, deeper than all these things, it has the power to save people.

Ed

Easter is early this year.

Ash Wednesday, which makes the beginning of Lent is on 14th February, and we will begin our Lent Course here with Holy Communion at 10:30am. We going to be looking at Paul's letter to the Romans as we journey through Lent, guided by Andrew Ollerton's book "Romans, A Letter that Makes Sense of Life". If you'd like a copy (£16.99), please let Raymond or Ed know and we'll get one for you. The Lent Course will continue on Tuesday Evenings, 7:30pm in the Church Centre, each week reflecting more deeply on the previous Sunday's material. Final part of the Lent Course will be a Maundy Thursday service of Holy Communion as we reflect on Paul's conclusion that our only hope is to be rescued and the rescuer is Jesus Christ. I do hope you will be able to join in the full programme is:

11th Feb 10am Romans 1:1-17
Romans is for the Faithful

14th Feb 10:30 Romans 1:24-31
Sin in our Actions **Ash Wednesday**

18th Feb 10am Romans 2:1-15
Sin in our Attitudes

20th Feb 19:30
Lent Course

25th Feb 10am Romans 3:21-31
Justified by Faith

27th Feb 19:30
Lent Course

3rd Mar 10am Romans 4:1-25
Living by Faith

5th Mar 19:30
Lent Course

10th Mar 10am Romans 5:1-11
Peace with God **Mothering Sunday**

12th Mar 19:30
Lent Course

17th Mar 10am Romans 5:12-21
Peace for you **APCM follows morning service**

19th Mar 19:30
Lent Course

24th Mar 10am Romans 6:1-23
Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ **Palm Sunday**

28th Mar 19:30 Romans 7:1-25
Sin brings death **Maundy Thursday**

29th Mar 2pm **Good Friday**

31st Mar 10am Romans 8:1-17

Slide Show By Paul Sievers Saturday 17th February

2pm – 4pm in the church centre.

Madeiran images - a colourful show

with a mixture of flowers, mountain scenery and local crafts.

Then after a short interval

Church floral arrangements during 2023

Followed by a macro quiz

Proceeds will go to the new Lychgate railings



Sally's Sunday Lunch Today!

To mark Sally's retirement there will be a lunch in the Church Centre today at 12:30pm. Kindly note there will be an opportunity to make donations for the lunch.



£340.97 was credited into Jesus Disciples Centre's bank account from your Christmas events. Please extend our appreciation to the Church for their generosity.

***The Redeemed Christian Church of God-
Jesus Disciples Centre***

Riverside Community Centre, Rosemoor Gardens, Clay Hill, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 2FG

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington 200 Club

New members of the 200 Club are always welcome. Contact Rachel Haslam if you would like to take part. The next draw will take place on

February 25th

January winners were

Lisa Wilson, Ros Stuart and Lesley Garner.

Read Mark

Mark 3: 20-35

Jesus Accused by His Family and by Teachers of the Law



20 Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. 21 When his family [a] heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

22 And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons."

23 So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? 24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. 26 And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. 27 In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house. 28 Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, 29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin."

30 He said this because they were saying, "He has an impure spirit."

31 Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. 32 A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."

33 "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked.

34 Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! 35 Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

The W. I. has three places available on a basic first aid course. It takes place on Friday 16th of February from 11.30 at Shaw Village hall. Contact Barbara Bradford Please.

St Mary's Flower Club

Next Meeting

Wednesday 6th March

See Mary Dawkins for details

Meeting Point

Time together for you and your little ones 9.45 to 11.15 am on Tuesdays in term time (refreshments from 9.15)

Small, informal, friendly group - all in one room . Chat, discussions etc for adults

Play and crafts with little ones

Carpet time and singing for everyone

Come along to any meeting, but if you would like more details,

contact Libby on 01635 30719

or libby.goldsack@btinternet.com

January 2024

13 Feb Half Term **No meeting**

20 Feb Lent

27 Feb Book

recommendations

5 Mar Mothering crafts
and *Fledglings*

12 Mar Motherhood

19 Mar Easter crafts



Green tip

Give up something for Lent to help God's Earth; e.g single use plastic, items using excessive packaging or energy to produce or use.



Big Brew Cake and Quiz event

We raised £68.85 for

Transform Trade.

Last Sunday. Many thanks for everyone's support.



Collect Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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 Sally in the office know.

- ◇ Cynthia Lane, Mark Hutson, Ruth Fisher, Sue Povey, June Milsom, and Angie Mackoon.
- ◇ Our nursing home fellowship members, including Mary Taylor, Joan Lamonby, Sylvia Reed, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Pat Troughton and Mary Curtis.
- ◇ This week, the residents of
- ◇ Our ministers Raymond and Ed, and all those who support us in services.
- ◇ The baptisms today of Kai and Lizzie and for their families and friends.

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.

Things taking place this week 12-18 February

Monday	12	11:30-1500	Myrtle Cafe	Centre	David
Tuesday	13	14:00-16:00	Bible Study	Centre	Ed
		19:00-21:00	Bible Study	Rectory	Ed
Wednesday	14	09:15-10:00	Morning Prayers	Church	Raymond
Ash Wednesday		10:00-12:00	Barnabas Group	Centre	Judith
		10:30-11:00	Ask Wednesday H/C	Church	Raymond
Thursday	15	09:00-17:00	Art Classes	Centre	Booking
Friday	16				
Saturday	17	14:00-16:00	Slide presentation	Centre	Paul
Sunday	18	10:00-11:15	Morning service	Church	Ministers
		11:15-12:00	Church café	Centre	Team

Next Sunday 18th February Lent 1 Sin in Thought

10:00am Holy Communion Lead: Raymond Speaker: Raymond

Stewards: Charles and Sally

Prayers: Wendy

LCA: Wendy CA: Raymond

Romans 2: 1-15 Gill Luke 13: 31-35 Derek

Church Café: Heather, and Mary R