



St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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12th January – Epiphany 1

10:00 Morning Worship

Lead: Ed; A/V: Mike S & Rachel

Stewards: Lesley A and Wendy

Welcome & Notices

RB 48 Earth has many a Noble City

Confession

RB53 Songs of Thankfulness

Isaiah 43:1-7 (Heather)

Anthem: Eastern Monarchs

Luke 3:15-18,21-22 (Rachel)

Sermon

Creed (Apostles)

RB52 The People that in Darkness sat

Intercessions (Wendy)

Lord's Prayer

Collect

RB143 Jesus shall reign

Church Café

Jane Y and Daphne

Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

What did the Prophet say?

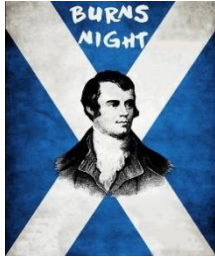
Have you heard any prophets recently?

With so many would-be prophets around it's hard to sift the shepherds from the wolves. Internet algorithms try to help, but recent advances in Artificial Stupidity (that is what AI stands for, isn't it?) have made the problem worse, not better.

We think of prophecy as predicting the future, but a prophet should be much more than a predictor or futurologist. A prophet is there to guide us into the future. Not like a signpost so much as a shepherd: who knows the right way, shows the right road, walks on it, and encourages us along too. "The end is nigh" are easy words to say - but if that's all you have, you are no prophet just a doomsayer or scaremonger. How 'nigh' the end is we don't know, but a prophet can help you navigate from here to there.

John the Baptist was the greatest prophet (see Mat 11:11). He told how to live without incurring God's wrath, but more importantly, he recognised Jesus, pointed to Jesus, sent his disciples to Jesus, baptized Jesus. He was truthful, faithful, constant. It cost him his life; but, as with all God's children, "to live is Christ and to die is gain." (Php 1:21)

Raymond



Sign up for Burns' Night and enjoy a traditional
St Mary's Burns' Supper

On Saturday 25th January 2025

Welcome drink from 7.00 pm Selkirk Grace at 7.30
pm

4 Course Menu (See notice board for details)

Quiz & Music

You are invited to bring your own supper drinks

Tickets £15.00 pp

Newbury Cancer Care Calendars 2025 are still available: £10

Please see Maggie in the church office (Tue/Wed/Fri, 9am-2pm).

All proceeds to Newbury Cancer Care.



Food Bank:

Urgently needed items

- Sugar (500g)
- Tin of Biscuits
- Stuffing/Gravy/Cranberry Sauce
- Toilet Paper
- Tin of Sweets/chocolates
- Cooking Oil

Low on Stock

- Milk Powder
- Savoury Biscuits
- UHT Milk
- Pringles or sharing crisps
- Non Biological Washing Powder
- Cooked Meat with ring pulls
- Custard/Rice Pudding Pots
- Christmas Cake (long dates)

Green Tip

Make your New Year's resolution Reduce, Re-use, Recycle.

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, Ruth Fisher, June Milsom, Geoffrey Keegan, Brian Eaton.***
- ***Our nursing home fellowship members, including Joan Lamonby, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Mary Curtis***
- ***For the Boys' Brigade***
- ***This week, the residents of Church Road, Shaw Mill, Well Meadow & Sherrard Mead***
- ***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 weeks:

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| Monday | 13 th | No Myrtle Café | | | David Willets |
| Tuesday | 14 th | Meeting Point | 09:45-11:15 | Church Centre | Libby |
| | | Daytime Home Group | 14:30-16:00 | Church Centre | Ed |
| | | Home Group | 19:30-21:00 | Rectory | Ed |
| Wednesday | 15 th | Morning Prayer | 09:15-10:00 | Church | Raymond |
| | | Barnabas Group | 10:00-12:00 | Church Centre | Mary D |
| | | Boys' Brigade | 18:15-19:45 | Church Centre | Ed |

Next Sunday

19th January 2025 – Epiphany 2 (Stewardship)

10:00 Holy Communion
Leader: *Raymond*
Stewards *Mark H Mary H*
Sound *Heather* *Visuals Steve J*
Reading *2 Cor 9* *Lisa*
 Luke 4:14-21 *David*
Intercessions: *Libby*
Café: *Barbara and Janet*