



Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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Sunday after Ascension

12th May

Leader: Ed Steward: Lesley A & Rachel
AV: Steve J & Mike S

Welcome, Banns & Notices

MP 975 Before the throne of God above

Presentation of Baptism Candidates

Confession of Faith

Reading Hebrews 4:14-16 (Steve J)

MP 522 O the deep, deep love of Jesus

Reading Acts 1:4-11 (Jane Y)

Sermon (Ed)

Baptism of Constance Sutherland and
Toby and Archie Collins

MP1072 In Christ alone

Intercessions (Libby)

Lord's Prayer

Collect

MP445 Shine Jesus Shine

Blessing

Church Café

Jane Y and Lisa W

Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Ascension – Friends in high places

I imagine that if most Christians are honest, the ascension of Jesus into heaven is one Bible story we wish hadn't happened. After all, wouldn't it be so much easier to convince people that Jesus had really risen from the dead if he still had an address in Nazareth and regularly appeared on TV? And aren't Christians supposed to be eagerly looking forward to his return? So why have a festival dedicated to celebrating his leaving us in the first place?

In the Bible, the ascension isn't treated as a sad reality or an embarrassing liability but a source of great joy and confidence. For the early Christians, it was proof that Jesus is no longer leading a local movement, confined to Galilee and Judaea. He is ruling the universe from God's throne room in heaven. And, as our reading from Hebrews shows us today, it also means that the same Jesus who loves us and died for us is now pleading our cause before God in heaven.

Ed

Read Mark

Mark 8:14-26 (NIVUK)



¹⁴ The disciples had forgotten to bring bread, except for one loaf they had with them in the boat. ¹⁵ ‘Be careful,’ Jesus warned them. ‘Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod.’

¹⁶ They discussed this with one another and said, ‘It is because we have no bread.’

¹⁷ Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked them: ‘Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not see or understand? Are your hearts hardened?’ ¹⁸ Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear? And don’t you remember? ¹⁹ When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?’

‘Twelve,’ they replied.

²⁰ ‘And when I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?’

They answered, ‘Seven.’

²¹ He said to them, ‘Do you still not understand?’

²² They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. ²³ He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spat on the man’s eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, ‘Do you see anything?’

²⁴ He looked up and said, ‘I see people; they look like trees walking around.’

²⁵ Once more Jesus put his hands on the man’s eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. ²⁶ Jesus sent him home, saying, ‘Don’t even go into the village.’

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WHAT’S THE BEST NEWS YOU’VE EVER HEARD?

3.00 - 5:00 pm Sunday 12th May

If you’ve ever had questions or want to find out about Jesus for yourself come along to look at Mark’s Gospel. You can listen along, you won’t be asked to sing or pray.

Bring a friend with you if you like. If you have any questions, ask Ed (ed@shawchurch.org)

Parish Administrator

St Mary's Church, Shaw cum Donnington

The PCC of St Mary's Church would like to appoint a part-time **Parish Administrator** to assist with: General Administration, Office and Premises Management, and Parish Communications.

Hours: 15 hr/wk (work pattern negotiable but should include Friday).

Place of Work: Shaw Church Office (located in the church)

You will need strong administrative, organisational and communication skills; pastoral sensitivity in person, on the phone and in emails; and be in sympathy with our aims and ethos. Familiarity with Church of England structures and practices would be an advantage.

This position will come into contact with children and/or vulnerable adults and as such due regard to the Church of England's Safeguarding guidance is required. An enhanced DBS check and appropriate safeguarding training will be required.

For more information and an application form, please contact the Rector, Revd Raymond Obin on 07810120117 or email raymond @ shawchurch.org



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Some of the candles will be sent direct to Ukraine whilst others will be made into 'trench candles' to send to the frontline where they are used during the harsh winter weather for lighting, heating and cooking.

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, Angie Mackoon.***
- ***Our nursing home fellowship members, including Mary Taylor, Joan Lamonby, Sylvia Reed, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall and Mary Curtis.***
- ***This week, the residents of Rowan Drive and Dolman Road***
- ***That we will find a new Parish Administrator***
- ***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 this week

Monday	13 th	Myrtle Café	12:00 –15:00	Church Centre	David Willetts
Tuesday	14 th	Meeting Point	9:45 –11:00	Church Centre	Libby
Wednesday	15 th	Morning Prayer	9:15 –10:00	Church	Raymond
Wednesday	15 th	Barnabas Group	10:00 –12:00	Church Centre	Mary D
Friday	17 th	Funeral of Joan Cooper	11:00	Church	Ed

Next Sunday 19th May 2024 (Pentecost)

10:00 am

Leader: Raymond

Sermon: Ed

AV: Heather and Wendy

Stewards: Rachel & Sally

Readings: Acts 2:1-21 (Gill)

John 15:26-16:15 (Jane O)

Intercessions: Mary D

Café: Rachel and Gill

Christian Aid Week 12 to 19 May

Can you help? You could:

Deliver donation envelopes

Use your address for return of donations

Supply or buy plants on 12 May after morning service

Bake for cake sale or buy on 19 May after morning service

Please let Libby know if you can help: libby.goldsack@btinternet.com or 01635 30719