



Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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12th April 2026

10:00 am Morning Prayer

Lead: RO Sermon: RO

A/V Mike S & Wendy

Stewards: Sally & Ros

Welcome, Notices

MP 1105: See What a Morning
Confession

Reading1: 1Cor15:1-11/ tba

MP 402: Led Like a Lamb

Reading 2: John 20:24-29/Lesley
Sermon

MP 839: He has Risen

Creed (Apostles)

Intercessions: Karen

MP 357: Jesus Christ is Risen Today
Blessing.

Church Café: Lesley & Diana

Collect (Easter 2)

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the

Redoubtable Thomas

What do you make of Thomas? We give him the adjective 'doubting' and the combination is a modern idiom: Doubting Thomas. I wonder how he would feel about that. Maybe he'd be glad for the part he continues to play in confirming the truth of Jesus' resurrection? Maybe he'd happily accept his own imperfection and point to Jesus' gracious acceptance of him and the transformation that resulted? We don't talk of a 'Denying Peter' or a 'Scared Simon' – and the evidence suggests Thomas was an effective apostle in the years of the early church – it's just that his ministry didn't get into Luke's Acts of the Apostles (he's only mentioned in chapter 1).

Jesus' tells Thomas to "stop doubting and believe" (John 20:27) – and he does. Today, we don't have the opportunity of a physical Jesus – pierced hands and feed offered to our touch; today some continue to have doubts. And the word from Jesus is the same "stop doubting and believe". And he adds "blessed are those "who have not seen and yet have believed." (John 20:29).

What better way for us to come to worship the risen Lord Jesus than by using Thomas' own words: My Lord and My God.

Raymond

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 the office know.

- **Brian Eaton, Ruth Fisher, Mark Hutson,**
Cynthia Lane, June Milsom, Maggie Wiseman
- **Our nursing home fellowship members, including Joan Lamonby,**
Chris Fenwick, Pat Lee, Mansour Afshari.
- **For the Boys' Brigade and Girls Association**



Residents of College Mews, Old College Rd, Ormonde Gardens, Telford Ct & Stephenson Ct
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	13th April	Myrtle Community Café with pop up Library	10.30 - 12:30	Church Centre	
Tuesday	14 th	Meeting Point	09.45 - 11:15	Church Centre	Libby
		PCC	19.00 - 21.00	Church Centre	RO
Wednesday	15th	Morning Prayer	9.15	Church	RO
		Barnabas Group	10.00 - 12:00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Boys Brigade	18.15 - 19.45	Church Centre	
Friday	17th	Bell Ringers	18.00 - 20:00	Bell Tower	
Saturday	18th	N.U.T.S Concert	15.00 - 17.00	Church	RS
Sunday	19th	Morning Prayer	10.00 - 1100	Church	RO

Family News

Information for or those who would wish to attend,

Mark Knight's funeral service is to be at St Nic's on **Thursday 16th April at 1pm** with a buffet lunch in the hall afterwards. We continue to pray for Anita and Marks family and friends.

Christian Aid Sudan Crisis collection

Thank you to all contributors to the total of £175 (plus gift aid)

Bell Ringing Open Day

"Join us on Sunday 12th April, 2pm - 4pm for a unique opportunity to see the bells of St Mary's Shaw in action (RG14 2DR). Watch our skilled ringers at work, see the bells in motion, and even have a go yourself if you're feeling brave. You can expect to see, live bell ringing demonstrations, have a chance to try ringing, have an up-close view of the bells in motion through a live video link. Information on the bells themselves and their history will be on display.

Whether you're curious, enthusiastic or just looking for something different, please come along, every one welcome. Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.

Parking in church car park & refreshments will be available."

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

1. Be inspired with hope by praying with Tearfund for the world's most challenged people <https://www.tearfund.org/get-involved/pray/sign-up-to-prayer-updates>

2. Put up a swift box to help arrest the decline of this protected species <https://www.rspb.org.uk/helping-nature/what-you-can-do/activities/create-a-high-home-for-swifts>

3. **True Origin**— **food that's fair, ethical**, and absolutely delicious. We work directly with amazing producer groups across Africa—in countries like Kenya, Malawi, South Africa, and the Kingdom of Eswatini—to bring their finest ingredients and products to the UK market. Every purchase helps support farming communities with steady incomes, access to education, tools, and the means to care for their land and future. <https://trueoriginfoods.co.uk/>

Locally you can find some of this type of product in the **Oxfam shop**

For more information or to order from Leprosy Mission

(catalogues on information stall in church centre, or browse online)

contact Libby (01635 30719 or libby.goldsack@btinternet.com)

Green tip

You can now recycle empty toothpaste, toiletry and culinary tubes in your green kerbside sack, squashed flat with the lid on.

Ukulele concert Saturday 18th April with N.U.T.S (Newbury Ukulele Town Strummers!) at 3.00pm in Church.

The Myrtle Community Cafe is open in the Church Centre from between 10.30 am and noon every **Monday** other than bank and school holidays. The Cafe opens on **Monday 13 April** when we will also welcome the new Pop-Up Library (www.westberks.gov.uk/libraries)

You will be very welcome. There are free internet facilities and signposts for support and advice to help with the many life challenges which we face today. Come along, bring a friend, or come as you are, chat with others and enjoy a cup of coffee/tea and cake with us.

Newbury and Thatcham Repair Cafe are back in Newbury this month



Sunday 26th April



Cafe open 14:00 – 16:30



Items for repair to be checked in 14:00 - 16:00



Newbury Methodist Church Hall, RG14 1AN

Next Sunday 19th April
10:00 Holy Communion

LCA/CA Mary D & Ros

Leader EY Speaker EY

Stewards Libby & Janet S

A/V Steve J & Rachel

Reading 1:1Cor 15:22-28/Lisa W

Reading 2: John 11:32-45/David W

Intercessions Wendy

Church Cafe: 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/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 opposite. If you would like to give to the church regularly, please visit parishgiving.org.uk



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