



St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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12th July – 10am Morning Prayer

Lead & Sermon: Raymond

A/V Ollie & Wendy

Stewards: Lesley A & Janet S

Welcome, Notices

RB 202 Let all the world in every corner sing

Confession

Reading 1: Luke 6:1-10 (Mary D)

MP 481 Name of all Majesty

Reading 2: 2Sam 6:1-23 (Heather)

Psalms 150

Sermon

MP 936 Teach me to Dance

Creed (Apostles)

Offering Prayer

Intercessions Sally.

Collect (Trinity 6)

MP 428 Lord for the years

Anthem: An Irish Blessing – Lightfoot.
Blessing

Church Café: Daphne & Sally

Collect (Trinity+6)

Creator God,

you made us all in your image:

may we discern you in all that we see,

and serve you in all that we do;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

God's Blessing

If you were living under God's blessing, what would it look like?

You might think of a long and healthy life, perhaps with family and children and grandchildren; or (and!) living free from want – food on the table, warm fire in winter and cool breeze in summer. You might think purpose fulfilled – an invention, an insight, to have 'loved another with all my heart and soul'.

But what when life wanes, and all the turbulent passions calm? Would God's Blessing be another year? And then another? And in life's final ebb, is God's Blessing a peaceful death?

These thoughts are too 'this world' centred, in contrast to Jesus' focus on things above, and surely, he lived under God's Blessing! Which, for him wasn't avoiding conflict or pain or having long life and grandchildren: it was Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

He talked about Life to the Full - Eternal Life. But what is Eternal Life? More than existing forever, it is "to know the One True God and Jesus Christ" (Jn17:3). So perhaps the greatest blessing is Knowing God – not facts about but relationship with.

So, what does it look like to live truly under God's Blessing?

Raymond

Distribution of Holy Communion

For the last year or so, we have been sharing Holy Communion using gluten free bread and wine from a common cup. We have been using disposable food-safe wipes to clean the cup between each communicant. From this week, we will be returning to using a clean, white, cotton purificator.

If you do not think it is appropriate for you to drink from a common cup (for personal health reasons, or because you have a cold etc.), please know that receiving the bread alone is sufficient for you to have fully participated in the sacrament; you are also welcome to take the cup and hold it for a moment, or to just touch it with your hand as a sign that you are participating in the blood of Christ (see 1 Cor 10:16).

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

1. Venezuelan Earthquake Appeal: https://www.tear-fund.org/?mc_cid=5293fd9b43

2. Sign up for the Big Butterfly Count (17 July to 19 August) and help protect endangered butterflies <https://butterfly-conservation.org/events/big-butterfly-count-2026>

3. Can you give extra food to West Berks Foodbank for their Hungry Holidays scheme? (in church or at supermarkets). More about the scheme at <https://westberks.foodbank.org.uk/2026/06/15/hungry-holidays-supporting-families-when-it-matters-most/>

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

Lunch Club

Please note Lunch Club are meeting **this** Tuesday the 14th of July, this will be the last meeting before we break up for the Summer.

Invitation to a Reminiscence Afternoon on Shaw cum Donnington

Tuesday 21 July 2026 from 2.30 to 4.00 pm in the Church Centre (special emphasis on schools)

Ring Libby on 30719 or email libby.goldsack@btinternet.com if you need transport

A chance to share your or your family's memories, or listen to other people's, over tea and biscuits.

All welcome - do please bring your friends.

GREEN TIP

In the heat water fruit trees (which feed pollinators and birds and give shade) rather than grass.

News

Mark Hutson

It is with sadness we share Mark Hutson died this week. Mark was a long-serving and loyal member of the congregation here. He served as Church Warden and was a PCC member for many years. His presence, encouragement and wisdom will be greatly missed. Please pray for his family Mary, Louise and Chris. Details of his funeral will be announced in due course.

Audreys family asked us to share:

It is with sadness that we have to report that Audrey Webster passed away on Friday, 3rd July in Basingstoke Hospital following a short illness. Although Audrey had been unable to attend Church for the last few years, she had been a regular attendee at the 8.00am Sunday Communion Service for many years where she would also read the Lesson. Full details regarding her funeral will be published in the Newbury Weekly News.

VENEZUELA

"There will be an emergency collection for Venezuela at the back of church this Sunday."

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, Angie Mackoon & family.*
- *Our nursing home fellowship members, including Joan Lamonby,
Chris Fenwick, Pat Lee, Mansour Afshari.*
- *For the Boys' Brigade and Girls Association*
- *Residents of Pear Tree Lane & Sycamore Rise*
- *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	13 th July	Myrtle Community Café	10:30-12:30	Church Centre	David
Tuesday	14 th	Meeting Point	9:45-11:15	Church Centre	Libby
		Lunch Club	11:00	Church Centre	Ros
Wednesday	15 th	Morning Prayer	9:15-10:00	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10:00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Boys Brigade & Girls Association	18:15	Church Centre	

Next Sunday, 19th July 10am Holy Communion

Leader/Sermon: Raymond

A/V Heather & Rachel

Reading 1: 2Sam12:1-20(Lisa).

Intercessions: Wendy

LCA & CA: Sally & Ros

Stewards: Mary D & Paul

Reading 2: Luke 14:15-23(David)

Café: Barbara & Janet

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



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