



Knowing Jesus

Sharing God's Love

Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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13th April – Palm Sunday

10am Morning Prayer

Lead: *Raymond A/V: Steve J & Mike*

Stewards: *Janet S & Mary D*

Welcome & Notices

RB 61 Ride on Ride (v1,2,4a|5b)

Commandments and Confession

Reading Zech 9:9-12 (?)

MP 790 You are the King of Glory

Reading Luke 19:28-40 (George)

Address

Creed (Apostles)

RB 334 A Man there Lived

Intercessions (Libby)

RB 60 All glory, laud (v1,2,5,7)

Blessing

Church Café

Lesley A & Diana

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.

A Donkey

Have you ever wondered about the donkeys in the Bible? Donkeys carry burdens, and so they do for Abraham, for the sons of Jacob, for Moses, and a number of others. Donkeys are ordinary, useful, domestic animals; but not significant.

Until Balaam, whose donkey was given the power to speak and rebuke his master, because the donkey saw what his master could not and saved his life only to receive a beating for doing so. (Num22:21).

At Christmas we sing about a Little Donkey, although there is no donkey in the Bible accounts of Jesus' birth. Maybe poetic license allows us to fill in some details as we imagine the reality for Mary and Joseph, but maybe we are better off simply letting Matthew and Luke direct our attention.

The only donkey mentioned in the Gospels is the young, never-before-ridden donkey that Jesus borrowed for Palm Sunday. A donkey without name or pedigree, who takes a supporting role (pun intended) in the prelude to the most significant week in history. Without the donkey, Jesus could have walked into Jerusalem, but that wasn't the point. The insignificant beast of burden was a sign that "Your King is coming" (Zech 9:9).

Raymond

Lent at St Mary's this year

During Lent this year, we are looking at what God requires of us.

You are warmly invited to join us on Sundays and Tuesday as we consider God's Commandments:

Sundays:

9 Mar No other Gods; No idols
16 Mar Do not misuse the Name
23 Mar *Remember the Sabbath*
30 Mar Honour your Parents
6 Apr Christ, Our Righteousness

Tuesdays

You shall not Murder
You shall not commit Adultery
You shall not Steal
You shall not bear false witness
You shall not covet

13 Apr Palm Sunday

17 Apr Maundy Thursday: The New Commandment: Love each other

Christian Resources in Newbury

Sonrise Christian Resources will be popping up with an Easter stall at the Open Door coffee morning at Newbury Methodist Church on 15 April 2025, 10am noon.

Open to everyone, this is a great opportunity to pick up Easter cards and gifts, as well as more general Christian books, cards and gifts. Do pop by for a browse, a chat and to sample the coffee and cake at the Open Door.

You can even order ahead and collect on the day - just visit our website www.sonrisechristianresources.co.uk or call us on 07396 825097.

Christian Aid/DEC Emergency Collection for Myanmar Earthquake

There is a collection basket at the back of church on Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday and 27 April

VE Day 80th Anniversary Reminiscence Afternoon

Tuesday 6 May 2.30 to 4pm in church centre

Come and share personal memories, your own or your family's.

Green tip

Drying washing outside not only uses free energy, but sunshine/UV removes stains and disinfects.

Easter Kids



www.shawchurch.org

questions? office@shawchurch.org 01635 40450

Any

Come and join us and get ready to celebrate!

Lots of crafts, the Easter story and there might even be some chocolate...

Bring and Stay
for Primary aged children

Saturday 19th April 10am -12noon
St Mary's Shaw Parish Centre
(to the left of the main church)

At last!

Our house sale has finally exchanged contracts with completion Weds 16th April.

Our new home:

1 Rooktree Farm Court
Down Ampney
Cirencester
GL7 5GD

Charles and Lesley xx

Parish Trip 2025 – Exbury Gardens

Take the St Mary's Church Bus to Exbury Gardens
With worship at St Katherine's Church.

Sunday 27th April 2025

Leaving after the Morning Service

Sign up sheet at back of Church or email maryd@shawchurch.org



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, June Milsom, Geoffrey Keegan, Brian Eaton, Maggie Wiseman.***
- ***Ruth Fisher in one of the Rainbow rooms at West Berks Hospital***
- ***Our nursing home fellowship members, including Joan Lamonby, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Sheila Smith, Mansour Ashfari.***
- ***For the Boys' Brigade***
- ***The residents of Castle Grove***
- ***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	14 th	Myrtle Café	12:00 – 14:30	Church Centre	David W
Tuesday	15 th	Home Members Easter Service	14:150 – 16:00	Church Centre	Raymond
Wednesday	16 th	Morning Prayer	9.15 – 10.00	Church	Ed
		Barnabas Group	10.00 – 12.00	Church Centre	Mary D
Thursday	17 th	Maundy Thursday Service	19:30	Church	Raymond
Good Friday	18 th	Hour at the Cross	14:00	Church	Ed
Saturday	19 th	Easter Kids	10:00	Church + Centre	

Next Sunday is Easter Day

10:00 Easter Celebration with Holy Communion

Leader EY Intercessions Sally

Stewards Jane Y Lesley /Ros

Café Heather & Mary R

Sound Mike S Visuals Wendy

Readings Isaiah 65:17-25 Lisa Luke 24:1-12 David Wilson