



Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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3rd Sunday of Easter

14th April

Leader: Ed Steward: Rachel

AV: Mike S, Heather

Welcome & Notices

RB 331 *The God of Abraham Praise (1,2,10)*

Presentation of Baptism Candidate

Confession of Faith

Reading Romans 9:1-29 (Jane O)

RB122 *How Sweet the name of Jesus Sounds*

Reading Luke 24:26-43 (Rachel)

Sermon (Ed)

Baptism of Autumn Stevens

RB 117 *Praise to the Holiest*

Intercessions (Jane Y)

Lord's Prayer

Collect

RB 212 *Who would true valour see*

Blessing

Church Café

Lesley A & Diana

Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.

God's promises are sure (even when we're confused!)

Romans 9-11 are probably the trickiest and most mysterious chapters in Paul's letter. In the space of just 3 ½ pages of our pew Bibles, Paul expresses his intense sorrow that most of his contemporary countrymen rejected Jesus, then plumbs the depths of God's plan for salvation, his purpose in predestination, and the special calling he gave to Israel, as he searches for an explanation. Even he gets to the end of it all and praises God's fathomless wisdom that no-one can grasp! (11:33-36)

All Scripture is given by God to build us up and equip us to serve him so, mindboggling though it is, we need to hear the message of this section of Romans. If we find this section difficult to understand with our minds, to accept with our hearts or to put into practice with our hands, we should remember that Paul's big concern in this section is to show that God's word has not failed (9:6). The promises of God we rely on, in life and death, are always, always trustworthy.

Ed

Read Mark

Mark 6:45-56 (NIV)



⁴⁵ Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray.

⁴⁷ Later that night, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. ⁴⁸ He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, ⁴⁹ but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, ⁵⁰ because they all saw him and were terrified.

Immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” ⁵¹ Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, ⁵² for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. ⁵⁴ As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. ⁵⁵ They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

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

3.00 - 5:00 pm Sunday 14th April 2024 – and the following 4 Sunday afternoons

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

Reminiscence Afternoon - Tuesday 16 April 2024 from 2.30 to 4.00 pm

In the Church Centre

Transport available if needed:

Ring Libby on 30719 or email libby.goldsack@btinternet.com

Come and share your (or your family's) memories of the Second World War

All welcome - do please bring your friends.

Tedesca Quartet at Shaw Church

4.00pm Sunday 28th April 2024

Haydn Quartet Op 76 No. 1 in G Major

Shostakovich Quartet No. 7 Op 108

Mendelssohn Quartet in E flat Major Op 12

For tickets and enquiries please contact:

Rachel Haslam on 07919555043 or rachel.haslam@ntlworld.com

Christian Aid Emergency Fund for forgotten crises

Thank you for donations over Easter in the basket in church totalling £133, in addition to any that were made online.

Meeting Point

Time together for you and your little ones, 9.45 to 11.15 am on Tuesdays in term time (refreshments from 9.15)

Come along to any meeting, but if you would like more details, contact Libby on 01635 30719 or libby.goldsack@btinternet.com

April/May 2024

09 April No meeting	7 May Green Matters
16 April – Informal	14 May Christian Aid Week
23 Apr Parenting Forum	21 May Discussion
30 Apr Fledglings	28 May HALF TERM no meeting

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.***
- ***Pat Troughton has moved to West Berks Hospital for palliative care.***
- ***This week, the residents of Castle Grove.***
- ***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	15 th	Myrtle Café	12:00 –15:00	Church Centre	David Willetts
Monday	15 th	Funeral of Sue Povey	14:00	Church	Raymond
Tuesday	16 th	Meeting Point	9:15 – 11:45	Church Centre	Libby
Tuesday	16 th	Reminiscence afternoon	14:00 – 16:30	Church Centre	Libby
Wednesday	17 th	Morning Prayer	9:15 –10:00	Church	Raymond
Wednesday	17 th	Barnabas Group	10:00 –12:00	Church Centre	Mary D

Next Sunday 21st April 2024

10:00 am

Leader: Ed Sermon: Raymond

Stewards: Mark Sound: Steve Visuals: Wendy

Readings: Rom 10:1-21 (Paul S) Luke 24:44-49 (Charles)

Intercessions: Ed

LCA Lesley GCA Raymond Café: Heather and Mary D