



Welcome to St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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Welcome to St. Mary's Shaw cum Donnington!

Sunday 14th January 2024

10:00am Morning Prayer

Salvation for you

Lead and Speak: Ed

Stewards: Ros and Mary D

Welcome and notices

Opening prayer

RB2 New every morning is the love

Confession & Absolution

RB53 Songs of thankfulness and praise

Isaiah 56 (Jane O)

Mark 1: 1-8 (Rachel)

Sermon: Ed

RB52 The people that in darkness sat

Apostles Creed

Intercessions: Jane Y

The Lord's Prayer

Collect

RB239 Forth in thy name O Lord I go

Blessing

Church café is open: Jane Y and Lisa



Word for the week -

Everyone's invited, no exceptions

Last week, in Isaiah 55, we saw that God is making an open invitation to come and find satisfaction in him. This week, God addresses two groups who may have been tempted to think that this invitation doesn't apply to them. Both groups are reassured by God that their background is no barrier to receiving God's salvation; if they trust in him and keep his covenant, they will be accepted along with everyone else.

God is still making his invitation to the world today. Through Jesus, God is gathering people from every nation on earth to himself. But as in Isaiah's time, there are still people who may assume that the invitation is not really offered to them. This week, why not take some time to think who those people might be, why they might think God doesn't want to invite them, and whether there's anything we do that might give them that impression. God still has more people to gather in Shaw.

Ed

Charities Bank

At the back of the church.

Current needs:

Women's refuge

Pre-loved towels and single bed linen.

West Berks Food Bank

Urgent Needs this week:

God is Good we are fully stocked at the moment! Thank you for your amazing support!

Loose Ends (Homeless charity)

If you want to make a one-off donation or set up a regular standing order our bank account details are:

Metro Bank

Account Name - Loose Ends Newbury

Sort Code - 23-05-80

Account No. - 39305615

Leprosy Mission

Will not be taking postcards after 31.1.23

RNIB: used stamps

Christian Aid

If you are unable to donate online you can phone



020 7523 2269

Date for your diaries

Slide Show By Paul Sievers

Saturday 17th February

2pm – 4pm in the church centre.



Madeiran images - a colourful show with a mixture of flowers, mountain scenery and local crafts.

Then after a short interval

Church floral arrangements during 2023

Followed by a macro quiz

Proceeds will go to the new Lychgate railings

Christmas charities: a big thank you

Thank you to everyone for support of our Christmas charities, Next Gen youth cafe at Riverside in Turnpike, run by Jesus Disciples Centre, and Action Through Enterprise in Ghana. A total of £446 was raised by the retiring collections and Christmas screen messages, which will be equally split between them. ATE will be able to claim small collections gift aid on their £223. In addition, the Christingle collection of £117.57 will go to Next Gen youth cafe.
Libby

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200 Club

New members of the 200 Club are always welcome. We are aiming to double our membership in 2024 so please contact the church office, Mary Dawkins, or Rachel Haslam if you would like to take part. The next draw will take place on

28th January

December winners were Sally, Mary H, and Jessica

Read Mark 1: 35-45



Jesus Prays in a Solitary

Place

³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: “Everyone is looking for you!”

³⁸ Jesus replied, “Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.” ³⁹ So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

Jesus Heals a Man With Leprosy

⁴⁰ A man with leprosy^[a] came to him and begged him on his knees, “If you are willing, you can make me clean.”

⁴¹ Jesus was indignant.^[b] He reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” ⁴² Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.

⁴³ Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: ⁴⁴ “See that you don’t tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to him.” ⁴⁵ Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.

St Mary’s Flower Club

Next Meeting

**Wednesday 7th
February**

See Mary Dawkins
for details



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)

Small, informal, friendly group - all in one
room . Chat, discussions etc for adults

Play and crafts with little ones

Carpet time and singing for everyone

Come along to any meeting, but if you

would like more details,

contact Libby on 01635 30719

or libby.goldsack@btinternet.com

January 2024

16th Parenting Forum

23rd Green matters

30th Discussion



Green tip

Make sure the
birds have
suitable food out
and also water;
please break the
ice!



The Collect for Epiphany 2

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.

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 Sally in the office know.

- ◇ Cynthia Lane, Mark Hutson, Ruth Fisher, Sue Povey, June Milsom, and Angie Mackoon.
- ◇ Our nursing home fellowship members, including Mary Taylor, Joan Lamonby, Sylvia Reed, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Pat Troughton and Mary Curtis.
- ◇ This week, the residents of Church Road, Shaw Mill, Well Meadow & Sherrard Mead
- ◇ 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.

Things taking place this week 15-19 January 2024

Monday	15	12:00-16:00	Myrtle Café	Centre	David
		19:00-21:00	Centre Cleaning	Centre	Aneta
Tuesday	16	09:45-11.15	Meeting Point	Centre	Libby
		14:00-16:00	Bible Study	Centre	Ed
		19:00-21:00	Bible Study	Rectory	Ed
Wednesday	17	09:15-10:00	Midweek prayers	Church	Raymond
		10:00-12:00	Barnabas Group	Centre	Judith
		19:30-21:30	World Partners meeting	Zoom	Libby
Thursday	18	09:00-17:00	Art classes	Centre	Booking
		19:00-21:00	Newbury F&D Group	Centre	David
Friday	19	09:00-16:00	CCTV works	Church & Centre	Nick
		10:30-12:30	Little Steps	Centre	Bridge Church

Next Sunday 21st January Engaging with God

10:00am Holy Communion

Lead and Speak: Raymond Stewards: Ros and Wendy Prayers: Sally

Isaiah 58: Karen Mark 1: 16-20 Charles