



Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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14th July Trinity 7

Morning Worship

Leader: *Raymond*

Stewards: *Lesley A & Janet Sturgess*

A/V: *Rachel/Wendy*

Welcome & Notices

RB 219 Soldiers of Christ arise

Confession

James 5:13-20 (Jane O)

Psalm 116

RB 233 O thou who camest

John 4:43-54 (Rachel)

Sermon (Ed)

Creed

Intercessions (Jane Y)

RB 203 O praise ye the Lord

Blessing

Anthem An Irish Blessing (Lightfoot)

Church Café

Jane Y & Lisa Wilson

Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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.

Ministers' Weekly

Seeing is Believing?

Several contemporary sources that tells us something about Jesus – both Christian or non-Christian – agree that he was widely known as a miracle worker.

And yet, as John reminds us in his prologue, most of Jesus' contemporaries did not receive him (John 1:1). How can that be?

Our passage in John this week gives us a clue. Jesus criticises his contemporaries because their faith in him only extends as far as the signs and wonders he performs (4:48).

But a sign only works if we look beyond it to the thing it points to.

If we focus on the sign itself, we miss the point entirely.

Jesus' signs in John are meant to point us to the eternal realities – sin, salvation, new birth, the gift of the Spirit, eternal life – that we can't see, but which are the heart of Jesus' teaching.

If we let the signs point us to Jesus' words, we can move beyond believing our eyes to believing him.

Sadly, most in Jesus' day did not make this transition, but John has written so if we listen carefully to Jesus, we can.

Ed



The team continue to ask for our **help with restocking**, particularly for the **Hungry Holidays scheme** (parcels given to families of children receiving free school meals, given at the end of term). Thankyou.



Drop-off locations & latest lists:
(and links to the Foodbank App!)

<https://westberks.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Monetary donations also gratefully received, at the website.

Urgently Needed, this week 14/7:

- Biscuits
- Shampoo, shower gel, deodorant
- Tinned vegetables
- Confectionery, sweets & treats
- Tinned soup or Cup-a-Soup
- Instant coffee
- Cereal or cereal bars

*Well Stocked, NO MORE REQUIRED, thankyou:
Baked Beans, Pasta*

Low on Stock:

- UHT Milk – full fat or semi-skimmed
- Long life fruit juice
- Squash drinks
- Tinned fruit
- Ketchup
- Size 2 Nappies
- Long-life sponge puddings
- Tinned custard or rice puddings
- Dried milk or Marvel
- Mug shots or Pot Noodles

Meeting Point

Time together for you & 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 & crafts with little ones. Carpet time & singing for everyone.

Come along to any meeting, or for more details, contact Libby on:
tel: 01635 30719 or by email:
libby.goldsack@btinternet.com

Programme for Summer term 2024

- 16 July Ideas for the holidays
- 23 July "School's Out" parenting forum
- August – no meetings in school holidays

Dr Rev Andy Angel
a new addition to the diocese, creating a vision for the shape of ministry in the future

This week

Thursday 18 July 7:30-9:30pm
Come and relax, refresh and refuel

Hampstead Nonesy Village Hall
RG18 0TR

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LISTEN AGAIN at our Downland Filling Station YouTube channel

Read Mark

Mark 10:46-52 (NIV)



⁴⁶ Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timæus”), was sitting by the roadside begging. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁸ Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.”

So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” ⁵⁰ Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

⁵¹ “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

⁵² “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

Boys Brigade

You’ve probably heard that the Boys Brigade in Newbury is moving to Shaw Church from September. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved on a regular or occasional basis – as well as praying.

We have a meeting on Monday evening at 8:15 in the Youth Lounge for the Boys Brigade Leaders and members of Shaw Church. Do come along if you think you might have something to offer.

Parish Administrator

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 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

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.***
- ***Our nursing home fellowship members, including Mary Taylor, Joan Lamonby, Sylvia Reed, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Mary Curtis***
- ***For Mary R and family, as they grieve for Mary's mother, Pat Armstrong.***
- ***This week, the residents of Pear Tree Lane & Sycamore Rise***
- ***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	Boys Brigade Meeting	20:00	Youth Lounge	Raymond
Tuesday	16 th	Meeting Point	09:45 – 11:00	Church Centre	Libby
		Pastoral Event	14:15	Church Centre	Pastoral Team
Wednesday	17 th	Morning Prayer	09:15 – 10:00	Church	Raymond
Wednesday	18 th	Barnabas Group	10:00 – 12:00	Church Centre	Mary D

Next Sunday, 21st July 2024

10:00 am Holy Communion Trinity 8

Leader: Ed

Stewards: Mary D, George Sound/Visuals: Heather/Mike S

LCA: Lesley G Intercessions: Ed

*Readings: Gen 1:1-2:4 (Paul S)
 John 5:1-15 (Charles)*

Café: Barbara & Janet

Save The Date

Heritage Open Days

Saturday 14th September

– new findings about the history of Donnington Castle and its occupants

Venue - St Mary's Church, Shaw, ending at the castle