



Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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15th March 2026

10:00 am Morning Prayer

Lead: Ed Sermon: Ed

A/V Steve J & Wendy

Stewards: Mary D & Sally

LCA & CA Lesley A & Raymond

Welcome, Notices

RB 192 Praise my Soul

Commandments

Confession

RB 360 For Mary mother of our Lord (omit*)

Reading 2 Cor 1:3-7 Lisa W

Reading Matt 12:46-50 David

Sermon

Creed (Nicene)

Intercessions: Mary D

Lord's prayer

RB 205 Now Thank we all our God

Communion

Giving of Posies

MP 152 For the Beauty of the Earth

Blessing

Church Café: Barbara & Janet

Collect (for Mothering Sunday)

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 Heavenly Family

It is traditional on the fourth Sunday in Lent to give thanks for and to remember our mothers. For most people, our relationship with our mother is one of the most intimate in our lives. Even before we are born, we know our mother and she, in some measure, knows us. For good or for ill, it is a relationship which has a profound effect on the development of our personalities and our outlook on the world. Jesus mother and his immediate family feature in our reading this Sunday (Matthew 12:46-50). But Jesus says that the truest intimacy with him is based not on biological kinship, but on spiritual kinship. Those who become his disciples – who do the will of his Father in heaven – are his true family, his brother and sister and mother. As we show our gratitude for our earthly families, let us rejoice that Jesus welcomes us into his heavenly family.

Ed

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, Mark Hutson, Cynthia Lane, June Milsom, Maggie Wiseman**
- **Our nursing home fellowship members, including Joan Lamonby, Chris Fenwick, Pat Lee, Mansour Afshari.**
- **For the Boys' Brigade and Girls Association**
- **Residents of Oxford Road, Donnington Elms & Castle Lane**
- **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	16th	Pastoral Team	10.00 -12.00	Upper Church Centre	
		Myrtle Community Cafe	10:30 -12:30	Church Centre	David
		Confirmation/Baptism Classes	19.30	Church Centre	Ed
Tuesday	17th	Meeting Point	9.45 - 11.15	Church Centre	Libby
		Funeral	12.00	Church	Ed
		Reminiscence Afternoon	2.30-4.30	Church Centre	Libby
		Lent Group	19.00 -21.00	Church/upstairs	Ed
Wednesday	18th	Morning Prayer	9.15 - 10.00	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10.00 -12:00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Boys Brigade	18.15 - 19.45	Church Centre	Ed/Jane O
Thursday	19th	COINS	8.30 – 3.30	Church & C Centre	
Saturday	21st	Parish Slide show	3.00 – 5.00	Church centre	
Sunday	22nd	APCM	After Morning Service	Church	Raymond

GREEN TIP For Mothering Sunday buy flowers or plants that are seasonal and locally grown, or grown under sustainable and fair trade principles, and packaged without unnecessary plastic. Avoid the use of floral foam.

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/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 to the right.

If you would like to give to the church regularly, please visit parishgiving.org.uk.



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

1. When buying flowers for yourself or as a gift or for a special event (Heather, one of our church flower leaders, advises) try to find flowers that are seasonal and locally grown, or grown under sustainable and fair trade principles and packaged without unnecessary plastic. When arranging flowers always avoid the use of floral foam. The principles of Sustainable Church Flowers have been endorsed by the Church of England General Synod. You can find out more at this link About | Sustainable Church Flowers <https://share.google/5wWZcimYuDKeVjRh7>

2. Give a Mothering Sunday gift in memory for Christian Aid if your mother is no longer physically present.

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/give/gifts-memory/mothering-sunday>

3. Make a Mother's Day through Mothers' Union: your support can help more women around the world build the skills to promote belonging in their families and communities.

<https://mueshop.org/collections/make-a-mothers-day-2026/products/make-a-mothers-day-2026-donation>

Let me know if you would like more information or to order from Leprosy Mission catalogue. (Spring catalogue is now here including Easter goods. Browse catalogue from information stall or online and order through me.)

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**Your invitation to a Reminiscence Afternoon on Love Lane/Church Road area
Tuesday 17 March 2026, 2.30 to 4.00 pm in the Church Centre**

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

Ring Libby on 30719 (NB voicemail is faulty) or email libby.goldsack@btinternet.com if you need transport

Our Lent Course this year is on Tuesday evenings

This year we are going to be looking at the foundations of our faith:

7:00pm, We begin with a meal together

7:45pm, We open our hearts and our minds to God as we consider

17 th March	Baptism	Church Centre
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24 th March	Holy Communion	Church Centre
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9:00pm end

All are invited, but please could you let the church office know if you are coming so we can make sure we have enough food.

Save a Date

Christian Aid Lent Lunches 19th March St George's Large Meeting Hall
12.45pm

Parish Slide Show 21st March 2026 3- 5 pm Church Centre Includes work of the flower arrangers throughout the year and after Tea last year's trip to Exbury and this year proposed trip to Hinton ampner

APCM 22nd March 2026 after the morning service

Spring Cleaning morning in Church on **Thursday 26th** March 10am - 12pm PLEASE do come along if you can for part or all the morning. Many hands will make light work. Tea/coffee & biscuits provided. Please bring along any useful cleaning items you have - cordless vacs etc
On **Friday 27th** it is hoped we will be able to hire a floor polisher to do the floor so will also need some volunteers to take turns with the polisher, and to move any furniture (tables) out of the way etc.

Easter Kids Sat 4th April 10am to 12pm So there will be no prayer breakfast in April

Ukulele concert Saturday 18th April with N.U.T.S (Newbury Ukulele Town Strummers!) at 2.30pm in Church.

Next Sunday 22nd March 10:00 Morning Prayer

Leader: RO Speaker: RO
Stewards: Wendy & Rachel
A/V: Mike S & Steve J
Reading 1 George: 1Th 2:1-12
Reading 2 Jane O: Matt 12:14-21
Intercessions: Ed
Church Café: Rachel @Gill
APCM after Coffee

Watership Brass Concert

7.30pm 11th April 2026
St Johns Church Newbury.
Admission Free

Special guests

DeBrasserie Band from Ypres
Belgium.

EASTER KIDS

Saturday 4th April 10am -12pm

St Mary's Shaw Parish Centre

Come and get ready to celebrate Easter!

Lots of crafts,

the Easter story and there might even be some chocolate...

Bring and stay for

Primary age children