



Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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16th August 10am

Holy Communion

Lead/Sermon: Marion de Quidt

A/V Jacob & Steve J / *Stewards:* Ros & Sally

LCA & CA: Wendy & Raymond

Welcome, Notices

MP404/RB202 – Let all the world...

Collect (Trinity 11)

Gloria: MP 557 Praise God from whom...

Reading 1: Isa 2:12-18 Brian

MP660/RB426. The Lord's my Shepherd

Reading 2: Luke 13:1-9 Daphne

Sermon

Creed (Nicene)

Intercessions: Karen

RB457 For the fruits of his creation...

Communion

MP 757 When peace like a river.

Blessing.

Church Café: Wendy & Sally

Collect (Trinity 11)

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity; mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure. 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.**

Fruitfulness

This summer it has been so hot that our fields and gardens are white! Even watering the pots takes ages... and we re-use the water from sinks and showers...

I have been sad to see my Cornus (Dogwood plant) struggle. My Dad gives me birthday money, and we went together to Wisley to buy a plant. The Dogwoods have brilliantly coloured stems and colourful leaves, so that they are a good choice for all year round. So, I chose one with him, and since the Spring have tried it in our garden. Yesterday, I took it out of the flowerbed and put it in a pot, with new compost, plant food, and lots of water... because it is just not thriving.

Jesus tells a parable about a Fig Tree that is not thriving. After three years of looking for fruit and finding it fruitless, the owner wants to cut it down. But the gardener asks to leave it for one more year, give it good attention and fertiliser, and see whether it will bear fruit next year. Only then cut it down if this does not work. This teaches us about our lives, our need to make changes if we are not being fruitful. We call repentance the turning around that God asks us to do when we are going in the wrong direction. Turn around, make changes, become fruitful for God. Jesus is also teaching us about God's grace, giving us invitations and help to renew, to be fruitful and to grow. I am reminded of Jesus' words about the vine: *"I am the vine; you are the branches... remain in me... and you will bear much fruit."* John 15.5. **Marion**

Green Tip

Buy sparkling water in glass bottles which can be re-used or recycled.

LUNCH CLUB for Children

A reminder that Bridge Church hold their Lunch Club during school Holidays. Every Thursdays in August (10:30am – 12:30pm). If you want a Flyer to pass on, there are some at the back of the church

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

1. Colombian Earthquake: <https://donate.unrefugees.org.uk/earthquake-colombia/~my-donation?>

2. Contact your MP to ask him to back a proper process to review Universal Credit. Actual costs of basic living have never been evaluated and 75% of food bank users are on Universal Credit

<https://universalcredit.trusselltrust.justpost.cards/?>

3. Can you give extra food to West Berks Foodbank for their Hungry Holidays scheme? (in church or at supermarkets). This provides free-school-meals families with groceries and support through the summer holidays. Monetary donations also welcome. Online or pay in Lloyds Bank, Newbury: Sort Code 77-95-05 West Berks Foodbank: Account No. 72784660. Or send a cheque payable to West Berks Foodbank to: The Treasurer, West Berks Foodbank, 21 Liberty House, Greenham Business Park, Thatcham, RG19 6HS.

More about the scheme at <https://westberks.foodbank.org.uk/2026/06/15/hungry-holidays-supporting-families-when-it-matters-most/>

Libby (01635 30719 or libby.goldsack@btinternet.com)

Ride and Stride 12th September

Berkshire Historic Churches Trust

This is an annual event to raise money for the Berkshire Churches Trust (50%) and for individual churches (50%).

Participants raise money via sponsorship, or people can donate online via the BHCT online giving page.

Its not long now until this event.

Would you like to ride or stride for St Mary's

See website here [Ride+Stride – Berkshire Historic Churches Trust](#) for details

For the Love of Nature . . .

A Special Exhibition

**Gallery 5, West Berkshire Museum,
Newbury, RG14 5AS**

**Wednesday 19th August until
Sunday 6th September 2026*
Open 10.00 am to 4.00 pm**



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, Cynthia Lane, June Milsom Maggie Wiseman, Angie Mackoon & family.**
- **Our nursing home fellowship members, including Joan Lamonby, Chris Fenwick, Pat Lee, Mansour Afshari, Arthur Marshall.**
- **For the Boys' Brigade and Girls Association**
- **Residents of Cresswell Rd, Birchwood Rd, Birchwood Care Home, Alder Close, Lime Close & Tilia Mews.**
- **Our minister Raymond 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.

Wednesday	19 th Aug	Morning Prayer	9:15-10:00	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10:00	Garden Centre	Mary D
Sunday	23 rd	Holy Communion	10:00	Church	Raymond

Next Sunday, 23rd Aug 10am

Morning Prayer

Leader: / Sermon

A/V: Heather & Rachel Stewards: Wendy & Paul

Reading 1: Ezek 34:11-16 Heather

Reading 2: Luke 7:36-50 Diana

Intercessions: Wendy Café: Heather & Mary

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 or 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.

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



Scan to give to Shaw Church