



Knowing Jesus

Sharing God's Love

Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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16th February – Lent 3

10:00 Holy Communion

Lead: Raymond; Sermon: Ed

A/V: Mike S and Rachel

Stewards: Sally and Janet S

Welcome & Notices

MP1078 Jesus is Lord, the cry

Confession

Nashville Gloria

Reading Ruth 2 (George)

Reading Luke 6: 17-26

Sermon

MP673 There is a redeemer

Creed (Nicene)

Intercessions (Ed)

MP411 Let there be love

MP9 All Glory, Laud and Honour

Blessing

Church Café

Charles & Lesley

Collect (3rd before Lent)

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:

give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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.

Do you feel lucky?

Do you think you're a lucky person?

Some people think we make our own luck. Thomas Jefferson is often quoted as saying 'the harder you work, the luckier you get'. 'Luck' on this view is just an excuse for lazy or incompetent people to explain their failures.

Others disagree. No matter how hard you work, so much in life seems to come down to blind chance. There's a terrible hypocrisy to a man who was born wealthy and owned slaves claiming that good fortune is all a question of hard work.

Ruth 2 shows us another angle. She certainly works hard, but she also benefits from some good luck by happening across a field owned by one of Naomi's relatives - and Boaz shows her such amazing generosity. But the characters all talk as though it is the Lord doing all this. Where might his hand be hidden in the 'random' events of our day-to-day experience?

Ed.

Electoral Roll: Full Revision 2025

This year (and every 6 years) we are preparing a new Electoral Roll. If you are on the Electoral Roll now, or if you are not on the Electoral Roll and would like to be (or think you should be!) you are invited to apply to be on the new Roll.

*Note: You must apply this year and do so **before 8th March** for your name to be on the Electoral Roll for the APCM on 23rd March 2025.*

Blank Forms are available from the Electoral Roll Officer (Derek Harwood), or the Church Office.

Completed forms should be given to Derek (or hand into the office and Maggie will see that Derek gets them.)

Christian Resources in

Newbury

Sonrise Christian Resources will be popping up with a Christian Resources stall at the Open Door coffee morning at Newbury Methodist Church on 25 February 2025 from 10am until 12.

Open to everyone, this is a great opportunity to pick up Lent reading material, as well as Easter cards and gifts. Do pop by for a browse, a chat and to sample the coffee and cake at the Open Door.

Green tip

Take your soft plastics to Co-op in Newbury (Wash Common, Speen and Pound St), Thatcham or Hungerford or to Waitrose for recycling as they actually recycle them using a British firm.

Note from Ros

NUTS concert postponed until later in the year. Church coffee morning at St Nic's on Thurs 13th March. Please could you start collecting bric a brac and tombola prizes. Signup sheet at back of Church for homemade cakes/scones or available to help on the day. See Ros for more details.

Newbury Cancer Care Calendars 2025 are still available: £5.00

Beautiful local photographs, that you may wish to put on your walls at home.

Please see Maggie in the church office (Tue/Wed/Fri, 9am-2pm).

All proceeds to Newbury Cancer Care.

Ronnie and Brian Eaton would like to thank everybody for all their support, prayers and condolences following the death of their daughter Clare.

Your invitation to a Reminiscence Afternoon

Tuesday 18 February 2025 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 **Spring**

All welcome - do please bring your friends.

Choral Concert at St Mary's

St Mary's are delighted to welcome back Cantemus Choir who will be performing their 25th Anniversary Concert on 15th March at 7:30pm. Steve Bowey will be accompanying the choir and will also play some solo pieces during the concert.

Tickets are £12 each and can be purchased from Rachel Haslam.

All proceeds will be for church funds.

Stewards will be needed to welcome the audience and serve interval refreshments so please let Rachel know if you are able to help.

World Day of Prayer

*Cook Islands - "I made you wonderful"
You are warmly invited to join the
Newbury World Day of Prayer*

*On Friday 7th March 2025 at 10.30 am
At Newbury Methodist Church Northbrook Street*



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, Geoffrey Keegan, Brian Eaton.***
- ***Our nursing home fellowship members, including Joan Lamonby, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Mary Curtis, Sheila Smith, Mansour Afshari.***
- ***For the Boys' Brigade***
- ***This week, the residents of Donnington Park, Stable Ct. Shaw Farm road & Donnington Grove Est***
- ***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 weeks: February 2025

Tuesday	18th	Reminiscence Afternoon	1400 – 16.30	Church Centre	Libby
Wednesday	19th	Morning Prayer	09.15 – 10.00	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas – Thatcham Garden Centre.	10.00 – 12.00	Church Centre	Mary D

Next Sunday

23rd February 2025 – Lent - 2

10:00	Morning Worship
Leader:	Ed
Stewards	Wendy/George
Sound	Mike S/Visuals Steve J
Reading	Ruth 3– Heather
	Luke 6: 27 -38 – Jane O
Intercessions	David Willetts
Kitchen	Nick & Sally