



St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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16th March – First Sunday of Lent

10:00 Holy Communion

Lead: *Raymond* A/V: *Mike & Rachel*

Stewards: *Mary D & Ros*

Welcome & Notices

RB 391 Lord Jesus Christ

Confession

Reading Exodus 34:1-10 (Lisa Wilson)

Reading Luke 11:1-4 (David Wilson)

Sermon

MP552 Our Father

Creed (Nicene)

Intercessions (Wendy)

MP 456 Make me a channel

Holy Communion

RB 177 Thy kingdom come O God

Blessing

Church Café

Barbara & Janet

Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who profess the Christian Faith, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are in agreement with it; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Name of the Lord

Are you a Capulet or a Montague? Or don't you care? Does it really matter what a Rose is called? But is a name really just a label? Would a valentine's day be quite the same if lovers gave a dozen red Lisianthus or Ranunculus?

Sometimes a name is just a label, but often it carries a context or a history or even an authority or expectation with it. One might value a degree awarded by Oxford or Cambridge a bit more highly than one awarded by the Universities of Wrexham or Bedfordshire. The name means something. Parents usually think very carefully about the name they will give to their children – what does your name mean? But more importantly, if someone mentions your name, what do they associate it with? Mother Teresa's life turned her name into something valuable – and there are too many candidates for the worst name in history.

The third commandment is about the Name of the Lord – don't misuse it (Exodus 20:7). But what is that name to you? Is it 'A fortified tower' (Prov 18:10)? Is it 'to be praised' from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets (Ps 113:3)? Is it the power and authority of Jesus: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Luke 19:38)?

Raymond

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) Sunday 23rd March 2025

The Church APCM will be held after the morning service next Sunday. There is a notice in the porch with details of who should and may attend and vote.

We are electing **Church Wardens** and **PCC Members**, so please talk to Raymond or Ros if you would be prepared to take on either of these roles. We are also looking to appoint a new **PCC Secretary**. If you think you might have the skills, time and inclination, please speak to Raymond or Ros.

The Annual Report is available now. Do please read it before the meeting.

Tony Bradford and Libby Goldsack are running the Bath Half Marathon for Action Through Enterprise on 16 March (Today!)

If you would like to sponsor them, here are the links to their fundraising pages.

<https://bathhalf2025.enthuse.com/pf/tony-bradford>

<https://bathhalf2025.enthuse.com/pf/libby-goldsack>

There will also be sponsor sheets at church.

Many thanks for your support

Fair Trade Big Brew – at Myrtle Café on 24th March Cuppa, Cake and Quiz.

Christian Aid Coffee Morning, Thursday 3rd April at St Nic's

Home-made cakes etc., needed – please see Libby if you can help.

Christian Resources in Newbury

Sonrise Christian Resources will be popping up with an Easter stall at the Open Door coffee morning at Newbury Methodist Church on 18 March 2025 from 10am until 12, and again on 15 April.

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

You can even order ahead and collect on the day - just visit our website www.sonrisechristianresources.co.uk or call us on 07396 825097.

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|  <p>REPAIR CAFE Newbury & Thatcham</p> | <p><i>Bin it? No Way!</i></p> |
| <p>Sun 30th March 2025 14:00 to 16:30</p> | |
| <p>Methodist Church Hall, Newbury RG14 1AN NOTE:- Items usually accepted for repair until 30 minutes before closing</p> | |
| <p>Sun 27th April 2025 10:00 to 12:30</p> | |
| <p>Frank Hutchings Community Hall, Thatcham RG18 4QH</p> | |
| <p>What is a Repair Café? - Fixing a broken toaster - Reducing waste - Chatting over coffee, tea & biscuits Voluntary contributions welcome</p> |  |
| <p>Electrical / electronic goods – Toys -Tool sharpening – Clothing / Textiles – Costume jewellery repairs – Small items of furniture / wooden objects – General repairs Mobile phone & IT advice / troubleshooting</p> | |
| <p>For more information visit www.repaircafe.org/en/cafe/newbury-and-thatcham-repair-cafe e: newburythatchamrepaircafe@gmail.com f: Newbury and Thatcham Repair Café</p> | |

Paul Seiver's Photos

On Saturday 29th March 3-5pm

The show will feature photos from:

- 2024 flowers in the Church
- Our visit to Waterperry Gardens
- A preview of Exbury Gardens

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who helped with the coffee morning on Thursday 13th March
 We raised £236.

Lent at St Mary's this year

During Lent this year, we are looking at what God requires of us. You are warmly invited to join us on Sundays and Tuesday as we consider God's Commandments:

Sundays:

9 Mar No other Gods; No idols
 16 Mar Do not misuse the Name
 23 Mar Remember the Sabbath
 30 Mar Honour your Parents
 6 Apr Christ, Our Righteousness
 13 Apr Palm Sunday

Tuesdays

You shall not Murder
 You shall not commit Adultery
 You shall not Steal
 You shall not bear false witness
 You shall not covet

Maundy Thursday: The New Commandment: Love each other

Green tip

Select loose fruit and veg and look out for "wonky" products

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, Sheila Smith, Mansour Afshari.***
- ***For the Boys' Brigade***
- ***This week, the residents of Donnington Lodge & The Chase***
- ***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:

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| Monday | 17 th | Myrtle Café | 12:00 – 14:30 | Church Centre | David W |
| Tuesday | 18 th | Meeting Point | 9:45 – 11:15 | Church Centre | Libby |
| | | Lent Course | 19:30 – 21:00 | Church Centre | Ed |
| Wednesday | 19 th | 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 |
| Thursday | 20 th | COINS | 10:00 – 12:00 | St Nic's Hall | Ros |
| Sunday | 23 rd | APCM | After 10am service | Church | Raymond |

Next Sunday

23rd March 2025 – Lent 3

10:00 Morning Prayer

Leader *Raymond*

Stewards *Rachel George*

Sound *Heather Visuals Mike S*

Intercessions *Libby*

Readings *Heb 4:1-11 Derek Luke 6:1-11 Jane Y*

Café *Rachel & Gill*