



Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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17th August – Trinity 9

10am Holy Communion

Lead: RO A/V: Heather / Steve J

Steward: Jane Y & Lesley

Welcome, Notices

MP392 Join All The Glorious Names

Confession & Collect

MP14 All Heaven Declares

Reading Amos 6:1,4-7 (Lesley)

Reading Luke 16:19-31 (Derek)

Sermon

MP515 O Love that wilt not let me go

Creed

Intercessions (Jane Y)

MP1078 Jesus is Lord, the cry

Holy Communion

MP1201 Longing for Light

Blessing

Church Café

Heather & Mary R

Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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.

Maths is Fun, Faith is better

Let's say $x = y$

multiply both sides by x gives $x^2 = xy$

subtract y^2 gives $x^2 - y^2 = xy - y^2$

which is $(x + y)(x - y) = y(x - y)$

divide by $(x - y)$ and we get $x + y = y$

We started with $x = y$, so clearly $y + y = y$

Divide by y and we have $1 + 1 = 1$.

Wait. Did I just prove that $2 = 1$?

Most people will immediately say 'that can't be right' and then struggle to explain why.

It's a bit like faith in Jesus – there is no proof that can't be doubted or disputed; and yet we believe. A clergyman recently suggested that doubt is a thing of emotion, suggesting that once the emotion settles faith will return. But I wonder if that's too simple. Surely faith recognises the lack of indisputable proof and believes still – the doubt isn't absent it's just overcome.

God's way has always been that a human relationship with Him is on the basis of faith: "Take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one." Eph 6:16.

Raymond

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.



- ***Ann Booker, Brian Eaton, Ruth Fisher, Mark Hutson, Cynthia Lane, June Milsom, Maggie Wiseman.***
- ***Our nursing home fellowship members, including Joan Lamonby, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Pat Lee, Sheila Smith, Mansour Ashfari.***
- ***For the Boys' Brigade and Girls Association***
- ***The residents of Cresswell Rd, Birchwood Rd, Birchwood Care Home, Alder Close, Lime Close & Tilia Mews***
- ***For the Bridge Church's 'Make Lunch' on Thursday in August***
- ***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:

Wednesday	20 th	Morning Prayer	09:15 – 10.00	Church Centre	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10:00	Church Centre	
Thursday	21 st	Make Lunch	12:30-14:00		Bridge Church

Next Sunday, 24th August – Trinity 10

10:00 Morning Worship

Leader	RO	Intercessions	Wendy
Stewards	Wendy, George		
Sound	Steve J	Visuals	Mike S
Readings	1 Cor 1:1-9	Heather	
	Luke 6:1-11	Jane O	
Café	Barbara & Janet		

Green tip

Snails have a very sensitive sense of smell, so try deterring them by laying a ring of used coffee grounds around favourite plants

Message from Mary Dawkins

Mary would like to thank all those who have showed concern for her health. She is home and recovering well but it will be a few weeks before she is back with us on a Sunday.