



St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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17th May – 10am Holy Communion

Lead: *RO Sermon: RO*

A/V: *Rachel & Steve J*

Steward: *Ros & Janet S*

LCA & CA *Mary D & Wendy*

Welcome, Notices

RB 87 Hail the day that sees him rise (vv1356)

Confession

Gloria (St Thomas)

Reading Heb 4:14-16 (Daphne)

Reading Matt 28:16-20 (Brian)

RB 334 A man there lived in Galilee

Sermon

Creed (Nicene)

Intercessions *Mary D*

RB 141 The head that once was crowned

(v1236)

Communion

Agnus Dei (choir sing)

RB 263 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

(v1245)

Blessing

Church Café *Barbara & Janet*

Collect (Easter 7)

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we ask you, not to leave us comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour
Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Perfect End

At University, the college chapel invited a guest speaker every Sunday evening. One Sunday before Ascension the best speaker ever invited spoke on how Christ deals with Guilt. Word got out. On the Sunday after Ascension numbers were up, but the speaker not to the same standard – the highlight of his sermon was speculation on the direction of Jesus' ascension: forwards? Backwards? downwards?

What? Surely ascension implies upwards – it's there in the word. Ascend. Up.

I suppose we could contend that in Australia Up is Down, but that rather misses the point. Humans have always looked up to God (metaphorically and literally lifting our eyes to heaven). Jesus came down from heaven and was made man. He lived and loved and taught and modelled, before he suffered, died, and was buried.

And then he rose again.

But the end of his time on earth was not his death nor even his resurrection, but his ascension – when he returned to the place he came from, because he had completed everything he came to do.

Think about it: "After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven." Heb 1:3.

Raymond



St Mary's Curry Night – Wednesday 27th May at 7pm

A table has been booked at 'The Curry Cave' Restaurant, 103 Bartholomew Street, for a group meal.

A sign-up sheet and menus are available in church.

Please let Rachel know your menu choices by 17th May.

All welcome!

Your invitation to a Reminiscence Afternoon on Village Hall and Love Lane schools

Tuesday 19 May 2026 from 2.30 to 4.00 pm in the Church Centre
Ring Libby on 01635 30719 or email libby.goldsack@btinternet.com if you need transport or have questions

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

All welcome - do please bring your friends.

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

- 1. Make a Christian Aid Week donation in an envelope in church or at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>**
- 2. Go Peat Free in your garden** and protect precious rare habitats. Peat free gardening guide here: https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/sites/default/files/2023-04/230327_Peat_free_gardening_guide_online_spreads.pdf
- 3. Leprosy Mission summer catalogue** now available. Borrow a catalogue from Information Stall in church centre or browse online at Leprosy Mission Shop and order through me.

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

Invitation to Buffet Lunch to say farewell to Ed & Jane

Sunday 21st June from Noon

You are invited to a farewell lunch in the Church Centre for Ed & Jane to thank them for all they have done in their time here and wish them well as they head to Oxford.

Please sign the sheet at the back of the church, reply to the Church Office, office@shawchurch.org or let Ros or Lesley know if you can come by no later than the 14th of June



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 Ashfari.*
- *For the Boys' Brigade and Girls Association*
- *Residents of Kiln Road, & Glebefields*
- *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.

Green tip

No-mow May is difficult in gardens, but even leaving a small patch of long grass makes a difference to wildlife.

What's on in the coming week:

Monday	18 th	Myrtle Café	10:30-12:30	Church Centre	David
Tuesday	19 th	Meeting Point	09:45-11:15	Church Centre	Libby
		Reminiscence Afternoon	14.30	Church Centre	Libby
		Home Group	19.30	Rectory	Ed
Wednesday	20 th	Morning Prayer	9:15-10:00	Church Centre	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10:00-12:00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association	18:15-19:45	Church Centre	Ed

Next Sunday, 24th May 10am Holy Communion

Leader/Sermon	Raymond/Ed	Intercessions	Sally
LCA & CA	Ed & Ros	Stewards	Paul & Wendy
A/V	Heather & Steve J	Reading 1	Acts 2:1-21 (Barbara)
Café	Rachel & Judith	Reading 2	John 7:37-46 (Judith)

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



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