



Knowing Jesus

Sharing God's Love

Caring for People

## St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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### 18<sup>th</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

#### 10am Holy Communion

Lead: Ed A/V: Steve J & Mike S

Stewards: Rachel & Lesley/Ros

Welcome, Notices & Banns

**RB238 Blest are the pure in heart**

Confession & Absolution

Collect

Gloria

Reading Psalm 127 (George)

Reading Luke 6:46-49 (Derek)

**MP243 How Firm a Foundation**

Sermon

Creed (Nicene)

Intercessions (Mary D)

Peace

**MP 1157 Behold the Lamb who bears  
our sins away**

Holy Communion

**SoF 1774 From the breaking of the Dawn**

Blessing

#### Church Café

Barbara and Janet

#### Collect

Almighty God, who through your  
only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have  
overcome death and opened to us the  
gate of everlasting life:

grant that, as by your grace going before  
us you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help we may bring  
them to good effect; Amen.

### How are you Building?

We often think of 'The Wise Man built his house upon the rock' as a children's song, with the subtle implication that the story of wise and foolish builders is also for children. But why would that be? The child-builders I know are typically building with Lego on carpet, or empty cardboard boxes held by masking-taped to a flattened cardboard carton, or sandcastles built on sand.

Real houses are built by real builders – who tend to be experienced, skilled, strong, happy to climb ladders and who are used to solving problems when the inevitable snags crop up.

So maybe the Wise Man Foolish Man parable is for people who actually build things rather than those who simply play. I have never built a house, but there are other things I build. Concrete on rock is an appropriate foundation for a building, but for a computer program or a business or a marriage or a life, the foundation needs to suit the thing being built.

So maybe the last verse of the song is really for me: 'Build your life on the Lord Jesus Christ'.

"Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain." Ps 127:1

*Raymond*



Our mission is to feed the hungry and advocate  
for the vulnerable.

With rising demand, we need more volunteers  
at our centres

We are looking for empathetic people to listen  
to our clients and unflappable volunteers to  
pack food for those clients

If this sounds like you, please contact  
Fran@westberks.foodbank.org.uk

Can you support your local foodbank?

### Christian Aid Week 11 to 18 May

There is a cake and plant sale in aid of  
Christian Aid after church on 18<sup>th</sup> May –  
this Sunday!

There will be a basket on entrance table  
for return of Christian Aid Week enve-  
lopes

Envelopes are also available there if you  
have not had one through your door.

### Christian Aid Myanmar Earthquake Appeal

£151 was given in church, plus gift aid, and also online donations.

Thank you to all donors.

### Green tip

In the warm weather, keep a glass bottle or jug of water in the fridge to avoid run-  
ning the tap cold and using plastic bottles.

Roy Pratley is recruiting more bell ringers to ring six bells for services and other  
events. No previous experience necessary – our expert instructors will fully train  
you to handle the bells safely. Open to anyone aged 13 or older. To find out more,  
contact Roy on 079810103696 or [roypratley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:roypratley@yahoo.co.uk). “We cannot wait to  
warmly welcome some new faces to the ringing life!”

## 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, June Milsom, Geoffrey Keegan, Brian Eaton, Ruth Fisher (now back home), Maggie Wiseman.***
- ***Our nursing home fellowship members, including Joan Lamonby, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Pat Lee, Sheila Smith, Mansour Ashfari.***
- ***For the Boys' Brigade***
- ***The 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](mailto:libby.goldsack@btinternet.com) and she will circulate your request.

## What's on in the coming week:

|           |                  |                                  |               |               |         |
|-----------|------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------|
| Monday    | 19 <sup>th</sup> | Myrtle Café                      | 10:30 – 12:30 | Church Centre | David   |
| Tuesday   | 20 <sup>th</sup> | Meeting Point                    | 9:45 – 11:15  | Church Centre | Libby   |
|           |                  | Home Group                       | 19:30 – 21:00 | Rectory       | Ed      |
| Wednesday | 21 <sup>st</sup> | Morning Prayer                   | 9.15 – 10.00  | Church        | Raymond |
|           |                  | Barnabas Group                   | 10.00 – 12.00 | Church Centre | Mary D  |
|           |                  | Boys Brigade & Girls Association | 18:00 -       | Church Centre | Ed      |

## Next Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> May

### 10:00 Morning Worship

Leader                      RO    Sermon RO  
 Intercessions  
 Stewards                  Sally                  George  
 Café                        Rachel & Gill  
 Sound & Visuals       Mike S                  Rachel  
 Readings                Deut 6:4-12 Heather  
                                  Luke 10:25-37 Jane O