



Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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18th January 2026

10:00 am Holy Communion

Lead: Ed

A/V: Mike S & Rachel

Stewards: Janet S & George

Welcome, Notices.

MP237 Holy, Holy, Holy

Confession

Gloria

Reading: Jas 4:1-10 Lisa W

Reading: Matt 6:5-8 David W

RB 229 Not for our sins alone

Sermon

Creed (Nicene)

Intercessions: Wendy

MP755 When I survey

Communion Ed, Sally and Wendy

RB 115 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Blessing.

Church Café: David & Lisa

Collect (Epiphany 2)

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.**

How (not) to pray

At some point, every child has to learn how to ask for things appropriately. We teach them to be polite and respectful in their requests. We've all heard someone ask their child "What's the magic word?" (Answer: "PLEEEEEEEASE!") or tell them "'I want' doesn't get!" We make it clear that there are ways of asking for things which guarantee that the answer is going to be "no". Is it the same way with God? Well, yes and no. There certainly aren't "magic words" which we can use to make sure God gives us what we ask for. God does not weigh up our prayers according to whether they observe the rules of British etiquette, nor even of English grammar. But there are things in our hearts which could lead God to say "no". The answer to the question "How not to pray" is not about the form of our prayers, but the frame of our hearts.

Ed

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 Afshari.**
- **For the Boys' Brigade and Girls Association**
- **Residents of Donnington Heights & Shaw Valley**
- **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.

Church News

The funeral of Bernard Eggleton is on the 17th of January. Please continue to pray for Judith and the wider family.

Pat Marshall died on Monday 5th January. Please continue to pray for Arthur and the wider family.

Derek Harwood died on Sunday 11th January after a short illness. Please pray for his family.

What's on in the coming week:

Monday	19 th	Myrtle Community Cafe	10:30 - 12:30	Church Centre	David
Tuesday	20 th	Meeting Point	9:45 - 11:15	Church Centre	Libby
Wednesday	21 st	Morning Prayer	9:15	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10:00 - 12:00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Bell Ringers Meeting	10:00 - 11:00	Church	
		Boys Brigade	17:00 - 20:30	Church Centre	Jane O
Thursday	22 nd	COINS Prayer Meeting	19:00 - 21:00	Church Centre	
Saturday	24 th	Funeral Pat Marshall	11:30	Church	Raymond
		Wake Pat Marshall	12:00	Church Centre	
		Burns Night	19:00	Church Centre	Mary D

COINS (Christian Outreach in Newbury Schools) is hosting a prayer event for parents, teachers and members of the Christian community in Newbury to get together and pray for **Trinity** school.

The event is at St. Mary's church in Shaw; 19:30-20:30; Thursday 22nd January.

We will be praying for the students, teachers and all staff at Trinity as they are settling into the Spring term. Please join us for this time of prayer, we look forward to seeing you!

The COINS Team x



Burns Night Supper Saturday
24th January 2026

7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

£16.50 pp

You may bring your own Sup-
per Drinks

See sign-up sheet at back of Church
or contact the Church Office

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

1. **Sign up for the Big Garden Bird Watch (23 to 25 January)**
at <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch/register> or phone 01767693680. Help draw up the picture of how garden birds are faring.
2. **Support the Leprosy Mission: browse at** <https://www.theleprosymission-shop.com/> or borrow a catalogue from the information stall in church centre and order through me. Sale now on. And please pray for their work. World Leprosy Day is 25 January.
3. **Adopt an endangered animal** with WWF at <https://support.wwf.org.uk/adopt-an-animal>

Christmas charities thank you

Thank you to everyone for the generous support.

£369.84 is going to the Food Bank from the Carol Services collections.

£77.80 is going Jesus Disciples Centre for their youth work at Riverside in Turnpike.

£648.75 (cash and online) has already gone to ATE and most of this was also doubled on the Big Give. Sarah says a massive thank you.

Green tip

Try to boil only the water you need, but if you overdo it, save the hot water in a thermos flask.

Next Sunday, 25^h January

10:00 Morning Worship

Stewards: Rachel & Ros

A/V Heather /Mike S

Reading: Phil. 4: 4-7 – Gill M

Gospel: Matt. 6: 9-15– Barbara

Intercessions: Libby

Café: Jane Y & Daphne