



Knowing Jesus

Sharing God's Love

Caring for People

## St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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### 1<sup>st</sup> December – Advent Sunday

#### Holy Communion

Lead: *Raymond*; A/V: *Steve & Mike*

Stewards: *Jane Y & Chrles*

Welcome & Notices

**RB 26 O come, O come Emmanuel**

Confession

2Th2:1-8 (Judith)

**Anthem:** O Come Redeemer

Luke 21:25-36 (Rachel)

**RB 30 Hark the glad sound**

Sermon

Intercessions (Ed)

**Hymn Jesus, Hope of Every Nation**

Holy Communion

**RB 28 Lo he comes (4vv)**

Blessing

#### Church Café

Rachel & Gina **w/ update on ATE**

#### Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

#### Sesquipedalian

Do you like long or unusual words? I do. I came across a new one this week: Nudifidian. My spell checker has underlined it in red, and the dictionary app on my phone draws a blank. But the OED says it's rare and obsolete (their most recent example is from 1648). It comes from the Latin: nude = bare and fide = faith, with 'ian' tacked on to make it refer to a person who believes salvation is by faith alone. Solifidian means the same, and a Nullifidian in C17<sup>th</sup> would today be called an atheist. Last week someone used 'Teleological' in conversation (I was talking with a philosophy student, so why not!). It's used when thinking about the ultimate goal or underlying purpose of something. This week is the First Sunday of Advent, and we're going to be a bit Teleological as we focus on why Hope is truly a Christian thing: Hope that is grounded in the knowledge that Jesus is coming back. His 1<sup>st</sup> Coming was lowly and humble; His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming will be great and glorious. His 1<sup>st</sup> Coming was as the Lamb of God to take away the sin of the world; His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming will bring Salvation (see Heb 9:28). And it's all part of "*the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will.*" (Eph1:11).

*Raymond*

## Christmas Greetings – on-screen

If you would like to send a Christmas Greeting to the Church and give the money saved on Cards to one of our charities, please pass you message to Wendy (who will put it on the screen before our Sunday worship) and your gift to Libby or Ros.

## Prayer Breakfast

Next Saturday (7<sup>th</sup>) is our monthly prayer breakfast at 9am.

Do come and share in this ministry, and then (optional) stay on for:

## Christingle Preparation

We will be assembling Christingles after the Prayer Breakfast next Saturday, starting at 10am.

We need a small number of clear plastic bottles to turn into Christingle lamps for the service on 8<sup>th</sup> December. If you have any you are able to donate, please speak to Mary Dawkins.



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# THANK YOU!

This certificate of appreciation is presented to

***St. Mary's Church, Shaw***  
***together with Shaw-cum-Donnington School***

in acknowledgment of your kind harvest donations to  
the West Berks Foodbank,  
a total of

## 125.4 kg of food & essentials

Your generosity has provided **263** meals,  
helping to feed a family of 4 with three meals a day for **3** weeks

West Berks Foodbank supports people in food crisis, additionally providing essential items such as toiletries, sanitary products, baby food and pet food, only possible because of the kindness of others.



## Newbury Cancer Care Calendars 2025 are now available: £10

Please see Maggie in  
the church office  
(Tue/Wed/Fri, 9am-  
2pm).

All proceeds to  
Newbury Cancer Care.

## Green Tip

Buy people experiences  
for Christmas. Or buy  
reverse presents like  
chickens, goats,  
educational and medical  
supplies etc. Try The  
Leprosy Mission, Oxfam,  
Christian Aid, Mothers'  
Union, Transform  
Trade.

## Read Luke 1:1-25 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, <sup>2</sup> just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. <sup>3</sup> With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup> so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

<sup>5</sup> In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. <sup>6</sup> Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. <sup>7</sup> But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old. <sup>8</sup> Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, <sup>9</sup> he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. <sup>10</sup> And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside.

<sup>11</sup> Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup> When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear.

<sup>13</sup> But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. <sup>14</sup> He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, <sup>15</sup> for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. <sup>16</sup> He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. <sup>17</sup> And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." <sup>18</sup> Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years."

<sup>19</sup> The angel said to him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. <sup>20</sup> And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time."

<sup>21</sup> Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple. <sup>22</sup> When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak. <sup>23</sup> When his time of service was completed, he returned home. <sup>24</sup> After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. <sup>25</sup> "The Lord has done this for me," she said. "In these days he has shown his favour and taken away my disgrace among the people."

## 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 Mary Taylor, Joan Lamonby, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Mary Curtis***
- ***For the Boys' Brigade***
- ***This week, the residents of Newport Rd, & Iden Close***
- ***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 this week:

Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Myrtle Café	12:00-14:30	Church Centre	David Willets
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Speenhamland School	9:30 10.30	Church	Raymond/Ed
		Meeting Point	9:45-11:15	Church Centre	Libby
		Home Members	14:15	Church Centre	Ed/Mary D
		Home Group	19:30	Rectory	Ed
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer	09:15-10:00	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10:00-12:00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Flower Club	13:30	Church	Mary D
		Boys Brigade	18:15-19:45	Church Centre	Ed
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	COINS Christmas for local schools	8.30am-16.00pm	Church & Centre	Raymond
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer Breakfast	9:00-10:00	Church Centre	Rachel
		Christingle Assembly	10:00	Church Centre	Raymond

## Next Sunday

### 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Advent 2

10:00 Morning Worship  
 Leader: Ed  
 Stewards Libby & George  
 Sound Mike S, Visuals Wendy  
 Reading Isaiah 61:1-3 Rachel  
 Luke 7:18-27 Barbara  
 Intercessions: Barbara  
 Café: Lesley A & Diana

#### During coffee today 1Dec

Sarah Gardiner from ATE will be giving an update on the charity's work in Ghana.