



Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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1st September

Trinity 14

Holy Communion

Lead: Raymond; A/V: Steve J / Rachel

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Welcome & Notices

MP 1008 The Lord's My Shepherd

Confession

Peruvian Gloria

Isaiah 43:14-21 Judith

Mark 4:35-41 Lesley A

MP251 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Sermon (Ed)

Creed (Nicene)

Intercessions (Sally)

MP1157 Behold the Lamb

Holy Communion (EP A)

MP600 Sing New Songs of Worship

Blessing

Church Café

Nick and Sally

Collect

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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.

Word for The Week: Faith vs...?

What's the opposite of faith? There's lot's of different answers you might give to that question. I've spent a bit of time recently working on an essay about faith and reason, which many people (mistakenly) take to be opposites. You could make a good argument that the opposite of faith is doubt. (See e.g. James 1:6) Or you could say that the opposite of faith is sight, since Hebrews defines it as "confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." (Heb 11:1)

Our passage in Mark today adds another perspective. Jesus contrasts faith with fear when he asks the disciples 'Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?' (Mark 4:40) Like the disciples, we often encounter things that terrify us. But trusting in Jesus can help us manage and even overcome those fears. Nothing we fear is more powerful than his love.

Ed

Parish Outing to Waterperry Gardens

Wheatley, Oxford

Including 5pm worship in the ancient Saxon church of St Mary the Virgin



On Sunday 8th September

Outward departure from Shaw: 1:15pm for 1:30pm.

Return departure 6.15pm for 6.30pm.

Coach fare plus group entry £22.00 per person.



Sign-up sheet at the rear of the church.



In the run up to harvest can you add any of these items to your shopping this week, and leave them in the donation baskets on the way out?

Thankyou.

Drop-off locations & latest lists:

(and links to the Foodbank App!)

<https://westberks.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Monetary donations also gratefully received online

Harvest Appeal Top Ten

- Instant Coffee
- Tins of soup, meat and fruit
- Tinned Vegetables
- Rice
- Rice Pudding
- Dried milk
- Biscuits
- UHT milk
- Shaving foam
- Sugar



Booking is now open, for local Heritage Open Day event

Reconstructing Donnington Castle

Saturday 14th September

9.30 for 10am start, 4pm finish

New findings about the castle's history

At St Mary's Church, Shaw, ending at the castle.

More details at: www.eventbrite.co.uk

Full link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/heritage-open-day-reconstructing-donnington-castle-tickets-944176516377>

Read Mark

Mark 13:1-37 (NIV)

As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!'

²'Do you see all these great buildings?' replied Jesus. 'Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.'

³As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴'Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?'

⁵Jesus said to them: 'Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶Many will come in my name, claiming, "I am he," and will deceive many. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁸Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth-pains. ⁹You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. ¹⁰And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. ¹¹Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit. ¹²'Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ¹³Everyone will hate you because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ¹⁴'When you see "the abomination that causes desolation" standing where it does not belong – let the reader understand – then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁵Let no one on the housetop go down or enter the house to take anything out. ¹⁶Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak. ¹⁷How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! ¹⁸Pray that this will not take place in winter, ¹⁹because those will be days of distress unequalled from the beginning, when God created the world, until now – and never to be equalled again. ²⁰If the Lord had not cut short those days, no one would survive. But for the sake of the elect, whom he has chosen, he has shortened them. ²¹At that time if anyone says to you, "Look, here is the Messiah!" or, "Look, there he is!" do not believe it. ²²For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. ²³So be on your guard; I have told you everything in advance. ²⁴'But in those days, following that distress, "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; ²⁵the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken." ²⁶'At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. ²⁸Now learn this lesson from the fig-tree: as soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. ²⁹Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. ³²But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴It's like a man going away: he leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. ³⁵Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back – whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or at dawn. ³⁶If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷What I say to you, I say to everyone: "Watch!"'

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, Sylvia Reed, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Mary Curtis**
- **This week, the residents of Pindar Place, Middleton Court, Ingoldsby, Yates Copse, Huntington Gardens, Lambert Drive & Fleetwood 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 and she will circulate your request.

What's on this week:

Wednesday	4 th	Morning Prayer	09:15-10:00	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10:00-12:00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Flower Club	13:30-16:00	Church Centre	Mary D
Saturday	7 th	Prayer Breakfast	08:00-10:00	Prayer Breakfast	Ros
		Heritage Open Day	10:00-16:00	Church & Centre	David W
Sunday	8 th	Morning Prayer	10:00	Church	Raymond
		Visit to Waterperry	13:00-19:00	Waterperry Gardens	Mary D

Next Sunday, 1st September 2024

10:00 am All Age Trinity 15

Leader: Raymond

Stewards Libby, Sally

LCA: N/A

Sound Mike/Wendy

Readings Mark 2:1-12 Barbara

Prayers: Karen

Café: Jane Y & Lisa W

Upcoming Meeting Point Dates

3 Sept: School holidays

10 Sept: Informal

17 Sept: Parenting Forum

24 Sept Green Matters

1 Oct: Harvest

contact Libby: tel: 01635 30719 or by

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Green tip

Think about your light bulbs; make sure they are low energy ones in good time for the winter.