



Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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1st Feb 2026

10:00 am Holy Communion

Lead: RO Sermon: RO

A/V: Mike S & Wendy

Stewards: Jane Y & Mary D

Welcome, Notices

RB 4 Christ whose glory fills the skies.

Confession

Collect

Gloria – St Thomas

Reading: Mal 3:1-5: Paul S

Anthem: Nunc Dimittis

Reading: Luke 2:22-40: Lesley A

Sermon

MP 125 Faithful vigil ended

Creed (Nicene)

Intercessions: Jane Y

MP 343 Thou be my vision

Communion

LCA & CA: Ros & Ed

MP 449 Love Divine

Blessing.

Church Café: Libby & Julie

Collect (Feast of Presentation)

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented to the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and

Was it worth it?

Have you ever looked back and asked yourself 'was it worth it? Maybe you invested time and energy on some project which went well (or not), and took a moment to reflect: Was it worth it? We never stop to ask at a Funeral whether a life was 'worth it' – we just assume it was.

But what will I say if, just before my last breath, I'm asked 'Was it worth it?' Do I recall the errors and missteps? Or the money? – as if money has any value beyond this life. In the Notebook (Nichoas Sparks), the aged Noah Calhoun reflects that his life's achievement was loving another with all his heart and soul. But what if your life could have value because of what you saw, as opposed to what you did or made or achieved? In today's reading, Simeon's life is complete because he has seen the Lord's Salvation. He took the baby Jesus in his arms and his life was complete.

There is only one Jesus, and he was the same then as he is today. Have you seen Him? Have you received him? If you have, then maybe that is what will define you.

Raymond

reigns with you, in the unity of the holy spirit, One God now and forever. Amen

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 Highwood Close & Long Lane***
- ***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 Derek Harwood will be here, at St Mary's, on **Monday 2nd February at 1:30 pm.**

Refreshments will be served in the church Centre after the service.

Please pray for Derek's family and the many friends who will miss him.

What's on in the coming week:

Monday	2nd	Myrtle Community Cafe	10:30 - 12:30	Church Centre	David
Tuesday	3rd	Meeting Point	9:45 - 11:15	Church Centre	Libby
Wednesday	4th	Morning Prayer	9:15	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10:00 - 12:00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Flower Club	13.30	Church Centre	Mary D
		Boys Brigade	17:00 - 20:30	Church Centre	Jane O
Saturday	8th	Prayer Breakfast	9.00 - 10.00	Church Centre	RW
		Cleaning	10.00 – 11.00	Church	Ros

Thankyou

Thank you for St. Mary's Church's donation to West Berks Foodbank
Dear Rachel and all members of St. Mary's Church at Shaw-cum-Donnington,

I am writing to send sincere thanks for the recent donation of £369.84 collected at your Christmas Carol Services. Your kind support will enable us to keep supporting those in food crisis, numbers of which continue to rise across the country.

The work of the foodbanks continues to be vital. The support which West Berks Foodbank can provide our clients is only made possible by our amazing team of 170 volunteers, including volunteers in the warehouse helping to receive the many donations, log and store the goods, and enable efficient packing & distribution of supplies and food parcels. At our distribution centres throughout West Berkshire, clients can meet volunteers face-to-face and receive vital food provisions. The West Berkshire Foodbank has a long history of service provision underpinned by processes, governance and a well-defined delivery model based on addressing needs through professional referrals. The Foodbank offers more than just food, with a Listening Team who offer to support clients to deal with the issues that have led to food poverty. They aim to help clients work with other agencies and charities giving them a way forward out of financial crisis. Our aim is to not only address short term needs but also to provide support, detect abuse and aim to provide a path out of hardship for those who seek out our service.

Every donation we receive enables us to help more people who are in food crisis and to move towards a Hunger Free Future. We are so very grateful for the support that the church has shown the Foodbank; it really is appreciated.

Kind regards,

Louise Blake (Administration Team)

Could you be a School Governor?

The church school in our parish, Shaw cum Donnington Primary School, is looking for two new governors. If you think this is something you would like to do, please have a word with Raymond. You don't need to have experience of teaching or of being a governor. The school is also looking for a new Chair of Governors, so if you've been a governor before, this is an opportunity to get involved in a significant way in our local church school

Green Tip

In the colder weather, use a hot water bottle or microwave beanbag between your layers to keep warm, instead of turning the heating up a notch.

Next Sunday, 8th February
10:00 Morning Worship

Leader: RO Speaker: EY
Stewards: Wendy & Libby
A/V Steve J & Mike S
Psalm 67, Isaiah 49:1-7 George
Matt 9:35-38: Steve
Intercessions: Ed
Café: Lesley A & Diana

Thank you
from Jesus Disciples Centre

Thank you for your support towards the work at Turnpike. We bless the Lord for all He's doing. I write to confirm the receipt of £77.80 and wish to thank St Mary's for the contribution. As you have heard, we decided to stop the Youth club for now, not because of its numbers really but we did believe the Lord wants us to take a break at this time. We presently will continue to run the Holiday club for primary school children which happens 3 days a week during school holidays.

God bless you, Joanna



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

1. Sign up for Tearfund prayer resources; receive inspiring weekly updates with daily prayer requests, creative guides, and stories from Tearfund's global work for those in poverty at <https://www.tearfund.org/get-involved/pray> or look in **Tear Times (Tearfund magazine)** on the information stall in church centre

3. A prayer model from A Rocha based on growing plants on a windowsill. Link each plant to a person, need or theme and grow in prayer with the plants <https://arocha.org.uk/prayer-praise-and-plants/>

2. Try a daily devotional app? (You can also buy paper versions.)

Raymond recommends **Explore**

see <https://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/daily-bible-reading-plan-devotional-notes-guide>

Or **Every Day with Jesus** see <https://www.waverleyabbey.org/encounter/daily-bible-devotional/>

Let me know if you would like more information or would like to order from the Leprosy Mission.

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