



Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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1st March 2026

10:00 am Holy Communion Lent 2

Lead: RO Sermon: RO

A/V: Steve J & Mike S

Stewards: Jane Y & Ros

LCA & CA: Mary D & Rachel

Welcome, Notices

RB 2 New every morning

10 Commandments

Confession

Collect (Lent 2)

RB 217 Be thou my guardian and my guide

Reading: Gen 3:1-17 Paul S

Anthem

Reading: Matt 12:30-37: Lesley A

Sermon Raymond

Creed (Nicene)

Intercessions: Wendy

RB 161 Christ is our cornerstone

Communion

RB 332 Christ is made the sure foundation

Blessing.

Church Café: David & Lisa

Collects (Lent 2)

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness:

grant to all those who profess the Christian Faith,

that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are in agreement with it;

through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The power of forgiveness

"Do it to Julia!". If you've read George Orwell's Nineteen Eighty-Four (I read it in 1983), you'll know that this cry is what gets Winston, the protagonist, out of Room 101 – where his worst nightmare confronts him. He realises there is no other way, only her sacrifice, his Julia; the sacrifice of the one he loves is the only way.

But the very choosing of her to take his place destroys any hope of their future relationship. And that's basically the end of the book.

But Orwell was wrong.

I don't know what your worst nightmare is, but I know you'll find it in the fire of hell. And I also know how you can avoid meeting it there. Like for Winston, it involves a sacrifice. Unlike for Winston, owning that sacrifice is a new beginning to the relationship, not the end of it. What Orwell missed is the possibility of forgiveness.

Jesus said, "This is my blood ..., which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." Matt 26:28.

My sin, his blood, his death, my life.
Hallelujah, his blood availed for me.

Raymond

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 Northern Ave & Dene Way**
- **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 in the coming week:

Monday	2nd	Myrtle Community Cafe	10:30 - 12:30	Church Centre	David
		Confirmation/Baptism Classes	19.30	Church Centre	Ed
Tuesday	3rd	Meeting Point	9.45 - 11.15	Church Centre	Libby
		Lent Group	19.00-21.00	Church/upstairs	Ed
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
		Boys Brigade	18.15 - 19.45	Church Centre	Ed/Jane O
Saturday	7th	Prayer Breakfast	9.00 -10-00	Church Centre	
		Easter Kids Planning Meeting	10.00 – 11.00	Church Centre	Lisa

Next Sunday, 8th March

10:00 Morning Worship

Leader: RO Speaker: MdQ

Stewards: Lesley A & George

A/V: Heather & Rachel

Janet S: Psalm 51

Gill: Matt 12:38-45

Intercessions: Libby

Church Café: Jane & Daphne

Parish Slide Show

21st March 2026 3- 5 pm Church Centre
Includes work of the flower arrangers throughout the year and after Tea last year's trip to Exbury and this years proposed trip to Hinton ampner.

At St Mary's, we value the offerings people make to the work of the church – in their time, activity and money. We will not be passing an offering plate/basket round during the service today. If you would like to support the work of the church financially, please use offering plate or tap-and-go machine by the door, or visit shawchurch.org/giving or scan the QR code to the right.

If you would like to give to the church regularly, please visit parishgiving.org.uk.



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Our Lent Course this year will be on Tuesday evenings

This year we are going to be looking at the foundations of our faith:

7:00pm, We begin with a meal together

7:45pm, We open our hearts and our minds to God as we consider

3 rd March	The Apostle's Creed	Church or Upstairs
10 th March	The 10 Commandments	Church Centre
17 th March	Baptism	Church Centre
24 th March	Holy Communion	Church Centre

9:00pm end

All are invited, but please could you let the church office know if you are coming so we can make sure we have enough food.

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

1. Enjoy cake and cheese scones at our Big Brew event in aid of Transform Trade after church this week: find out more about their work for fair trade at <https://www.transform-trade.org/>

2. Support Transform Trade's Fair Fashion campaign: read the report, email your MP that we need a Fashion Watchdog
<https://www.transform-trade.org/fashion-watchdog-2025>

3. This Lent, give up things made by slave labour: fast fashion, fast furniture and fast food. 5 Rs: Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Recycle <https://www.52climateactions.com/refuse-reduce-reuse-repair-recycle/full>

Let me know if you would like more information or to order from **Leprosy Mission catalogue**. (Spring catalogue is now here including Easter goods. Browse catalogue from information stall or online and order through me.)

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Easter Kids

Prayer meeting being held Sat 7th March at 9am.

Join the meeting or come after at 10am to plan activities etc. for the morning of Sat 4th April 10am to 12pm

If you would like to be involved, we'd love to have your help. You're very welcome to come along to the planning meeting, or you can let Lisa know via the church office.

Spring Litter Pick up Shaw-cum-Donnington On Saturday 14th March everyone has an opportunity to come along and help with **Spring Clean the parish**. We will be meeting at the car park next to the Greek Table/Castle Pub on the Oxford Road at 10am. We provide litter picks and bin bags, and you can choose where you go to pick litter and bring everything back to the car park by noon. Please bring some gloves – gardening gloves or rubber gloves will do.

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Christian Aid Lent Lunches

St George's Large Meeting Hall

Thurs 5, 12 19 March

At 12.45pm

Green Tip

"Fairtrade" products are environmentally friendly. The Fairtrade mark requires adhering to strict environmental criteria.

Libby and Tony B are running the Bath Half Marathon again on 15 March, in aid of Action Through Enterprise, one of the charities we support at St Mary's. If you would like to sponsor us and help Action Through Enterprise do more for the children of Upper West Ghana and their communities, our links are below, or you can sign the list at church coffee. Many thanks.

<https://2026getprobathhalf.enthuse.com/pf/libby-goldsack>

<https://2026getprobathhalf.enthuse.com/pf/tony-bradford>