



St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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2nd November – 4th before Advent

10am Holy Communion

Lead: *Raymond A/V: Mike/Wendy*

Steward: *Rachel & Ros*

Welcome, Notices

RB 508 Rejoice in God's Saints

Confession & Collect

Gloria

Reading Gen 15:1-21 (Paul S)

Anthem: Hail glorious spirits (Tye)

Reading Luke 13:22-29 (Steve J)

Sermon

RB 182 Let saints on earth (vv1245)

Creed & Intercessions

RB 212 Who would true valour see

Holy Communion

RB 305 For all the saints

Blessing

Church Café

Mike & Ros

3pm Service for the Bereaved

With refreshments after the service

Collect

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; 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

What shall I say?

In Ecclesiastes we are exhorted "Do not be quick with your mouth ... to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few." (Eccles 5:2). If I think of God as he is: All-mighty, All-powerful, All-knowing, All-wise; and then think of myself as I am: limited ability, limited power, limited knowledge, limited wisdom – I really don't have much to contribute. So maybe I'm better keeping silent.

Except that God is a God of relationship – beginning with the relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit; and he shows us that he wants a relationship with human beings – with us – with me.

Jesus let his disciples see him praying (which is what we call talking with God) and encouraged them: "When you pray, say ..." (Luke 11:2).

It seems that God wants us to know him – not just as God Almighty, but as Our Father.

This week we are looking at Abraham's first conversation with God.

What does it reveal about Abraham?

What does God reveal about himself?

And how might this help us in our own relationship with God?

Raymond

Hallelujah!

Journeying Through Advent with Handel's Messiah

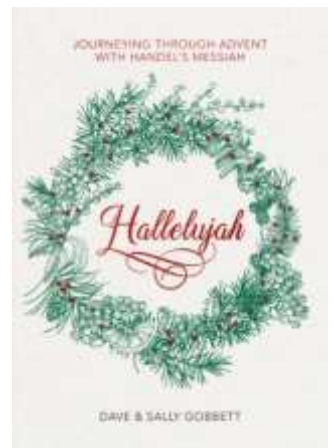
Why not read this together as a church?

The genius, and uniqueness, of Handel's Messiah is that every single note is taken directly from the Bible, no more no less.

Dave and Sally Gobbett's new Advent devotion uses Handel's masterpiece as a springboard for a daily meditation.

£1.00

Please let Mary Dawkins know if you would like copy.



Link to Hope Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Could you pack a box of essentials and cheering items for a deprived family or elderly person in Eastern Europe? Or contribute items (box in church) or pay for Link to Hope to pack one for you? Look online (you don't need to register as we are a collection centre, just bring box or goods to church) and/or take a leaflet (includes form) from church. Please follow instructions carefully as they need specific items and packing and must have the official form attached with £3. Boxes need to be in church by 7 November, loose items by 2 November if possible. <https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebbox-appeal-2025/>

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.**
- **Our nursing home fellowship members, including Joan Lamonby, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Pat Lee, Mansour Ashfari.**
- **For the Boys' Brigade and Girls Association**
- **Dorneywood Way & Leonardslee Crescent**
- **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:

Sunday	2 nd	Bereavement Service	15:00	Church	Ed
Monday	3 rd	Myrtle Café	10:30-12:30	Church Centre	David
Tuesday	4 th	Meeting Point	09:45-11:15	Church Centre	Libby
		Home Group	19:30	Rectory	Ed
Wednesday	5 th	Morning Prayer	9:15-10:00	Church Centre	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10:00-12:00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Flower Club	13:30	Church Centre	Mary D
		Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association	18:15-19:45	Church Centre	Ed

Later today, 2nd November

15:00 Service for the Bereaved

All who have been bereaved are invited to a service where we remember them, and pray for those who are grieving.

All are welcome to come.

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

Next Sunday, 9th November – Remembrance

10:15 Remembrance Sunday Service

Leader Raymond
Intercessions Mary D
Stewards Mary D & Wendy
Sound Steve Visuals Mike
Readings Matt 5:1-12 Lesley A
Café Jane Y & Daphne

Green tip

Use a microwave bean bag or hot water bottle to keep warm and enable lower background heating.