



Knowing Jesus

Sharing God's Love

Caring for People

## St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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### 20<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Sunday

#### 10am Morning Prayer

Lead: Ed A/V: Mike & Wendy

Stewards: Jane Y & Lesley / Ros

Welcome & Notices

#### **MP 1105 See What a Morning**

Confession

#### **Gloria**

Reading Isaiah 65:17-25 (Lisa Wilson)

#### **Anthem: Easter Song of Praise**

Reading Luke 24:1-12 (David Wilson)

#### **RB77 Jesus Christ is Risen today**

Sermon

Creed (Nicene)

Intercessions (Sally)

#### **RB 75 The day of Resurrection**

Holy Communion

#### **RB 428 Thine be the Glory**

Blessing

#### **Church Café**

Heather & Mary R

#### **Collect**

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

### Easter Eyewitnesses

Luke's preface tells us that he has interviewed the eyewitnesses and written his Gospel so that its first reader, a man called Theophilus, can be certain that what he has been taught is true. But one odd feature of the resurrection story he tells is just how slow the first disciples were to believe that it had really happened. The women who came to the tomb are gently rebuked for forgetting (or perhaps misunderstanding) Jesus' own prediction that he would rise again. The Apostles do no better – they dismiss the women's story as 'nonsense'. Even when Peter goes to the tomb himself and finds it empty, he is slow to jump to conclusions.

The idea of a dead man coming back to life was as extraordinary then as it is in 2025. But Luke reports that all those people – the women, the Apostles and Peter – swore to it that by the end of that first Easter Sunday they had all met the risen Jesus face to face. In our moments of doubt, it is worth asking ourselves what we think changed their minds and what it would take to change our own.

*Ed*

## Lent at St Mary's this year

During Lent this year, we are looking at what God requires of us.

You are warmly invited to join us on Sundays and Tuesday as we consider God's Commandments:

### Sundays:

9 Mar No other Gods; No idols  
16 Mar Do not misuse the Name  
23 Mar *Remember the Sabbath*  
30 Mar Honour your Parents  
6 Apr Christ, Our Righteousness  
13 Apr Palm Sunday

### Tuesdays

You shall not Murder  
You shall not commit Adultery  
*You shall not Steal*  
You shall not bear false witness  
You shall not covet

**17 Apr Maundy Thursday: The New Commandment: Love each other**

**18 Apr Good Friday: AN Hour at the Cross – 2pm**

# Easter Kids

Come and join us and get ready to celebrate!

Lots of crafts, the Easter story and there might even be some chocolate...

Bring and Stay  
for Primary aged children

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April 10am -12noon  
St Mary's Shaw Parish Centre  
(to the left of the main church)



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Any

questions? office@shawchurch.org 01635 40450

### **At last!**

Our house sale has finally exchanged contracts with completion Weds 16th April.

Our new home:

1 Rooktree Farm Court  
Down Ampney  
Cirencester  
GL7 5GD

Charles and Lesley xx

### **Green tip**

Buy local, seasonal and Fairtrade produce for Easter.

### **Christian Aid/DEC Emergency Collection for Myanmar Earthquake**

There is a collection basket at the back of church on Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday and 27 April

### **VE Day 80th Anniversary Reminiscence Afternoon**

Tuesday 6 May 2.30 to 4pm in church centre

Come and share personal memories, your own or your family's.

### **Parish Trip 2025 – Exbury Gardens**

Take the St Mary's Church Bus to Exbury Gardens  
With worship at St Katherine's Church.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Leaving after the Morning Service

Sign up sheet at back of Church or email [maryd@shawchurch.org](mailto:maryd@shawchurch.org)



## 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, June Milsom, Geoffrey Keegan, Brian Eaton, Ruth Fisher (now back home), Maggie Wiseman.***
- ***Our nursing home fellowship members, including Joan Lamonby, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Sheila Smith, Mansour Ashfari.***
- ***For the Boys' Brigade***
- ***The residents of Bennett Close, Bennett Gardens, Penrose Close & Lisle 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 in the coming week:

Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Maundy Thursday Service	19:30	Church	Raymond
Good Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Hour at the Cross	14:00	Church	Ed
Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Kids	10:00	Church + Centre	
Monday	21 <sup>st</sup>	No Myrtle Café this week			
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	No Meeting Point this week			
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Morning Prayer	9.15 – 10.00	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10.00 – 12.00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Holy Communion	10:30	Church	Raymond
Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Wedding: Arron Stansbury and Natalie Herbert	12:00	Church	Raymond

## Next Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> April

### 10:00 Morning Prayer

Leader RO

Intercessions Karen

Stewards Sally George

Café Nick & Sally

Sound Heather Visuals Rachel

Readings Acts 5:27-30 Gill M John 20:19-31 Barbara

### Parish Trip to Exbury Gardens leaves after the service

Please sign see box inside for more details.