



Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

**St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington
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20th September 26 10am

Holy Communion

Lead/Sermon: Raymond

A/V Heather & Rachel

Stewards: Libby & Paul

LCA & CA: Sally & Wendy

Welcome, Notices

MP 315 I will sing the wondrous story

Collect (Trinity 16)

Gloria: MP 454 Majesty

Reading 1: 1Jn1:8-2:2 (Lisa)

Reading 2: Matt 16:1-12 (David)

Sermon

MP 988 How Deep the Father's Love

Creed (Nicene)

Intercessions: Libby

MP 454 Man of Sorrows, what a name

Communion

MP 582 Rock of Ages

Blessing

Church Café: Barbara & Janet

Collect Trinity 16

O Lord, we ask you to mercifully hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power to faithfully fulfil them; 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.**

Why.....Because

How often do you ask 'Why'? Children are often frustratingly curious about the world, and sometimes they are not ready for the full answer. If asked "Why does the sun rise?" you could give a 4-year-old the answer 'Because it's morning', but as a child gets older, the answer will need to include more details.

It's not that the first answer was wrong – it was appropriate for the person asking the question, and as the person gains wisdom, so the answer needs to grow.

If you read John's Gospel, his reason for writing is quite straightforward: "that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah ... and have life in his name." (Jn20:31). He has a clear objective in bringing salvation to the people who need it.

And there is greater depth for those who are ready to go deeper, but my salvation doesn't depend on what I can understand.

I suppose it's a bit like getting on an aeroplane. You don't need to understand how it flies, you just have to trust the plane maker, the maintenance department and the pilot.

"He is faithful and just and will forgive us ... and purify us" 1Jn1:9.

Raymond



1st Newbury Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association
(School Years 4-6)

Wednesday 23rd September 2026

6.15-7.45pm

Shaw Church Centre, Church Road, Shaw, RG142DR

RSVP: 1newbury@boys-brigade.org.uk

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

1. Give Harvest gifts to the West Berks Food Bank: which provides emergency food and practical support to local people in their hardest moments, works with local partners to get people the right help, so they are less likely to need the food bank again, and is part of a UK-wide community of food banks working together with Trussell Trust to ensure no one needs a food bank to survive.

Bring to church on 27 September or put in your supermarket donation box. List of most needed items; tinned meats, tea, cereal bars, fruit juice, instant noodles, jam/honey, sugar, non-bio washing powder, anti-bac spray, deodorant.

2. Support Christian Aid Harvest Appeal: the climate crisis is making it harder than ever for families to grow food. In countries like South Sudan, flooding and unpredictable seasons are destroying harvests, leaving farming families struggling to feed their children. Help Christian Aid protect their land, strengthen their livelihoods and plant seeds of hope for the future.

Collection in church 27 September, or use QR code on posters, use link below or call 0333 555 1060 to donate over the phone

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/harvest-appeal>

3. Take part in Big River Watch 18 to 24 September (All you need to do is download app and spend 15 minutes on a river survey)

<https://therivertrust.org/take-action/the-big-river-watch>

Libby Goldsack 01635 30719 or libby.goldsack@btinternet.com



Green tip: Recycling plastic is complicated! Your bottles, lids, pots, tubs and trays (except black) can go in your green kerbside sack or to mini or central recycling centres. Soft plastic (inc. film, crisp packets, bags, wrappers, “scrunchable” plastic etc, should go to Co-op or Waitrose. Tetra packs to mini or central recycling centres or Waitrose.



Harvest Sunday Gifts 27th September

Please help those without enough food here in Newbury and in places like South Sudan by giving to the dedicated pass-round collection for **Christian Aid Harvest Appeal** or bringing items for the **Food Bank**, especially from the list below.

Tinned meats, tea, cereal bars, fruit juice, instant noodles, jam/honey, sugar, non-bio washing powder, anti-bac spray, deodorant. NB the static collection plate and card machine near the door will be for church funds as usual.

Further information about the work of both charities in Remote Action.

Bellringing News

On Sunday 20th September the new bellringing team, (you may have heard them practicing on a Saturday morning) under the leadership of Lucy, will ring for the service starting at 9.30am. Roy Pratley has worked hard and supported St Mary's with bellringing over the years. He believes this is the first ring at the service for over 25 years. Do you know different or have and bellringing stories to share?

Congratulations Shaw and Compton bellringers have been presented with the Richard Marshal Shield. The shield is awarded annually and has been presented to Shaw for the hard work that has been put in by the recruits and teachers this year.

On Tuesday 22nd September a visiting band will be ringing a quarter peal in memory of our friend Derek Harwood. Derek always stopped to talk to the bellringers after weddings etc, and it was always appreciated.

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, Cynthia Lane, June Milsom
Maggie Wiseman, Angie Mackoon & family.*
- *Our nursing home fellowship members, including Joan Lamonby,
Chris Fenwick, Pat Lee, Mansour Afshari, Arthur Marshall.*
- *For the Boys' Brigade and Girls Association*
- *Residents of Stoney Lane, Pine Ridge, Field Ridge and Knights Grove*
- *Our minister Raymond 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.

Monday	21st Sept	Myrtle Community Cafe	10.30 – 12.00	Church Centre	David
Tuesday	22nd	Meeting Point	9.45 – 11.15	Church Centre	Libby
		Lunch Club	12.00	Church Centre	Ros
Wednesday	23rd	Morning Prayer	9:15-10:00	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10:00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association	6.15-7.45	Church/Centre	Jane O

**Next Sunday, 27th Sept 10am
Morning Prayer Harvest
Leader / Sermon Raymond / Mary Rye**

A/V: Mike & Wendy Stewards: Ros & Sally
Reading 1: Mat 15:21-28 Diana
Reading 2: 1Jn1:5-7; 5:1-12 Barbara
Intercessions: Mary D Café: Rachel & Corinne

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

