



Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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4th Sunday of Easter

21st April Holy Communion

Leader: Ed

Steward: Mark and Charles

AV: Steve J and Wendy

Welcome & Notices

RB147 Crown him with Many Crowns

Confession and Absolution

Collect

Gloria

Reading Romans 10:1-21 (Paul S)

MP914 Only by Grace

Reading Luke 24:44-49 (Charles)

Sermon (Raymond)

Creed

Intercessions (Ed)

Peace

RB 199 Immortal, Invisible

Holy Communion

MP 857 I the Lord of Sea and Sky

Blessing

Church Café

Heather & Mary R

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

What do you know?

Well, what do you know? It's a surprisingly tricky question to answer. You could list a bunch of indisputable facts, except that even things like Grass is Green raises questions of what constitutes Grass and whether the brown grass of summer is really green. $1+1=2$ is another obvious answer, but even defining '1' isn't as easy as you might think.

We send children to school in the expectation that they will know more at 16 than they did at 5, but most would agree that Thomas Gradgrind's Facts and nothing but Facts approach (Dickens' *Hard Times*) is inadequate. Knowledge comes in different forms: Facts (things we can know are true) is one; how to use Facts (we might call it Wisdom) is another; but what about knowing a person? That's quite different; and there is knowledge that human ingenuity, wisdom, experience, and learning cannot discover, and this is where God's revelation comes to us. Ultimately, it's about God wanting us to know Him. As Jesus said, "Now, this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ." John 17:3.

So, maybe I began with the wrong question. Not What do you know? but Who do you know?
Raymond.

Read Mark - Mark 7:1-23 (NIVUK)



The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus ² and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴ When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?”

⁶ He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: “‘These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁷ They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.’ ⁸ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”

⁹ And he continued, “You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! ¹⁰ For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and mother,’ and, ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’ ¹¹ But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (that is, devoted to God)— ¹² then you no longer let them do anything for their father or mother. ¹³ Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.”

¹⁴ Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. ¹⁵ Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.”

¹⁷ After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. ¹⁸ “Are you so dull?” he asked. “Don’t you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? ¹⁹ For it doesn’t go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body.” (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.)

²⁰ He went on: “What comes out of a person is what defiles them. ²¹ For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²² adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³ All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”

Parish Administrator

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The PCC of St Mary's Church would like to appoint a part-time **Parish Administrator** to assist with: General Administration, Office and Premises Management, and Parish Communications.

Hours: 15 hr/wk (work pattern negotiable but should include Friday).

Place of Work: Shaw Church Office (located in the church)

You will need strong administrative, organisational and communication skills; pastoral sensitivity in person, on the phone and in emails; and be in sympathy with our aims and ethos. Familiarity with Church of England structures and practices would be an advantage.

This position will come into contact with children and/or vulnerable adults and as such due regard to the Church of England's Safeguarding guidance is required. An enhanced DBS check and appropriate safeguarding training will be required.

For more information and an application form, please contact the Rector, Revd Raymond Obin on 07810120117 or email raymond@shawchurch.org

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WHAT'S THE BEST NEWS YOU'VE EVER HEARD?

3.00 - 5:00 pm Sunday 14th April 2024 – and the following 4 Sunday afternoons

If you've ever had questions or want to find out about Jesus for yourself come along to look at Mark's Gospel. You can listen along, you won't be asked to sing or pray.

Bring a friend with you if you like. If you have any questions, ask Ed (ed@shawchurch.org)

Tedesca Quartet at Shaw Church

4.00pm Sunday 28th April 2024

Haydn Quartet Op 76 No. 1 in G Major

Shostakovich Quartet No. 7 Op 108

Mendelssohn Quartet in E flat Major Op 12

For tickets and enquiries please contact:

Rachel Haslam on 07919555043 or rachel.haslam@ntlworld.com

Information stall in entrance to church centre

Please do take the magazines on the information stall to read, as well as leaflets you or a friend might need. Libby

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, Ruth Fisher, June Milsom, Angie Mackoon.***
- ***Our nursing home fellowship members, including Mary Taylor, Joan Lamonby, Sylvia Reed, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall and Mary Curtis.***
- ***Pat Troughton has moved to West Berks Hospital for palliative care.***
- ***This week, the residents of Almond Avenue and Poplar Place***
- ***That we will find a new Parish Administrator***
- ***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 this week

Monday	22 nd	Myrtle Café	12:00 – 15:00	Church Centre	David Willetts
Tuesday	23 rd	Meeting Point	9:45 – 11:00	Church Centre	Libby
Tuesday	23 rd	Lunch Club	12:00-14:00	Church Centre	Ros
Wednesday	24 th	Morning Prayer	9:15 –10:00	Church	Raymond
Wednesday	24 th	Barnabas Group	10:00 –12:00	Church Centre	Mary D
Wednesday	24 th	Holy Communion	10:30	Church	Raymond/Ed

Next Sunday 28th April 2024

10:00 am

Leader: RO Sermon: EY

AV: Mike S and Rachel

Stewards: Sally

Readings: *Rom 11:11-24 (George)*

John 21:1-24 (Lesley A)

Intercessions: David Willetts

Café: Nick & Sally

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