



Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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10:00 am Morning Worship Lent 1

Lead: EY Sermon: EY

A/V: Heather & Steve J

Stewards: Janet S & George

Welcome, Notices

MP 197 Before Jehovah's awful throne

RB 235 O Jesus I have promised (all verses)

Reading: Gen 1:26-2:3: Heather

Reading: Matt 12:1-14: Rachel

Sermon ED

MP 275 I heard the voice of Jesus say

Creed (Apostles)

Intercessions: Sally

Collect (Lent 1 & Ash Weds)

MP 935 Take up your cross

Blessing.

Church Café: Nick & Sally

Collect (Lent1 & Ash Weds)

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with Amen

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate

nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:

create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness;

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

Sabbath rest in Jesus

At our Ash Wednesday service, we looked at some of the Bible's teaching about fasting. This Sunday, our Gospel reading focuses on the Sabbath. Both share in common the theme of giving something up; in fasting, we give up food and drink, on the Sabbath, people give up work and the profits that come from it. Scripture's teaching on both is quite similar. When pursued as an end in themselves, they arguably do more harm than good. The purpose of both is to draw us back to God, our creator and redeemer, in prayer and worship.

But Jesus' teaching in Matthew 12 goes deeper than that. His remarkable freedom towards the Sabbath shows us a glimpse of who he thinks he is. The healing he performs on the Sabbath reminds us of the life he has come to bring; the life creation was always meant to enjoy. As we look at Jesus on the Sabbath, we see something of what it means to find rest in him.

Ed

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 Kingsley Close & Owen Road**
- **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	23rd	Myrtle Community Cafe	10:30 - 12:30	Church Centre	David
Tuesday	24th	Meeting Point	9.45 - 11.15	Church Centre	Libby
		Lunch Club	12.00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Lent Group	19.00-21.00	Church/upstairs	
Wednesday	25th	Morning Prayer	9.15	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10.00 - 12:00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Midweek Communion	10.30	Church	Mary D
		Boys Brigade	18.15-19.45	Church Centre	
Sunday	1st	Big Brew	11.00-12.00	Church Centre	Libby

Next Sunday, 1st March 10:00 Holy Communion

Leader: RO Speaker: RO

LCA & CA TBC

Stewards: Jane Y & Ros

A/V: Steve J & Mike S

Paul: Gen 3:1-17

Lesley: Matt 12:30-37

Intercessions: Wendy



Green Tip

Give up something for Lent to help God's Earth, e.g. single use plastic, items using excessive packaging or energy to

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

24 th Feb	The Lord's Prayer	Church Centre
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) this Lent

1. Carbon Fast; traditionally, Lent is a time when Christians fast and focus on God. The Carbon Fast helps us think about our carbon footprint and ask if there is any excess or unnecessary use in our lives, and if it distracts from our relationship with God.

Sign up for weekly emails in Lent <https://climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast-for-lent/>

This week the challenge is to wonder at creation and get practical in caring for it! Get out if you can, otherwise appreciate from a distance and do something for nature or support an organisation that does.

2. Pray with Tearfund this Lent: sign up for weekly emails with Bible reflections on the theme of living water, inspiring stories and prayer points from Tearfund's work around the world to help you pray for people living in poverty, and questions to help guide your thoughts as you talk to God. <https://www.tearfund.org/forms/lent-email-sign-up-form?>

3. Christian Aid says make this Lent count; pray, act, give.

Locally, **Lent lunches** in St George's Large Meeting Hall Thurs 5, 12 19 March 12.45pm. Proceeds to Christian Aid. All welcome.

Lent Appeal and information on Christian aid projects <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/lent-easter-appeal>

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

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>