



Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

**St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington
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23rd August 10am

Morning Prayer

Lead/Sermon: Raymond

A/V Heather & Rachel

Stewards: Mary & Paul

Welcome, Notices

MP560 Praise my Soul ...

Reading 1: Ezek 34:11-16 Heather

Psalm 18 (also 2Sam22)

Reading 2: Luke 7:36-50 Diana

Sermon

MP1024 All my Days

MP181 Freely, Freely

Creed

Intercessions: Wendy

Collect (Trinity 12)

MP755 When I survey ...

Church Café: Heather & Mary R

Collect (Trinity 12)

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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

Labels

What sort of label would you attach to yourself? There are the easy descriptive ones that say male or female and give height and colouring and perhaps your age. And there are preferences – a chocolate lover, a paddleboarder, a railway enthusiast.

But I wonder what labels other people would attach to us? Trustworthy, caring, talkative, joker, unreliable, knowledgeable, know-all – I'll leave you to add others... But do I care what words other people use of me?

As human beings, we often give people labels to indicate what we think of them. "She is a sinful woman" Simon says of the lady washing and perfuming Jesus' feet. "He is a Pharisee" the preacher says of Simon (a description Simon would have been delighted to own because, to him, it means righteous and approved by God – we tend to think the opposite).

Jesus, on the other hand, looks differently. He sees in Simon a sinful man, and he sees the woman at his feet as a forgiven sinner (a description that highlights a new and imputed righteousness).

The woman has transitioned from 'sinner' to 'forgiven' because of her faith.

"Your faith has saved you, go in peace."

Luke 7:50.

Raymond

The Newbury Bible Society Action Group are having their annual sponsored walk along the canal to Kintbury on Saturday 12th Sept. starting from Victoria Park at 10am. There will be a ploughman's picnic provided at the end of the walk, and walkers then get the train back to Newbury.

They would welcome any walkers who would like to join the walk but would also appreciate sponsorship whether or not you are walking. Sponsorship can be given via

justgiving.com/page/davidmcmahon4

Further details from Ros Stuart

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

1. Colombian Earthquake:

<https://donate.unrefugees.org.uk/earthquake-colombia/~my-donation?>

2. Pray with Tearfund and be inspired

<https://www.tearfund.org/get-involved/pray>

Sign up for news and stories

<https://www.tearfund.org/forms/news-and-stories-sign-up>

3. Autumn Leprosy Mission catalogue has arrived: borrow one from Information Stall in church centre, or look online, and order post free through me. Wonderful selection of books, Christian and general, stationery, fair-trade and hand-crafted gifts, ethical household and dare I mention, Christmas products.

Libby (01635 30719 or libby.goldsack@btinternet.com)

Ride and Stride 12th September

Berkshire Historic Churches Trust

This is an annual event to raise money for the Berkshire Churches Trust (50%) and for individual churches (50%).

Participants raise money via sponsorship, or people can donate online via the BHCT online giving page.

Its not long now until this event.

Would you like to ride or stride for St Mary's

See website here [Ride+Stride – Berkshire Historic Churches Trust](#) for details

SAVE THE DAY

Myrtle Café & Popup Library 7th September

Heritage Open Day 12th September

Home Group

With Ed having now left us we have lost our home group that has been meeting at the Rectory on alternate Tuesday evenings.

I am happy to host a home group at 21 Hedgeway on a fortnightly basis – on Tuesdays if that is the best night, but I could also do Monday or Wednesday evenings. Please let me know if you would be interested in taking part – whether or not you went to home group at the Rectory. As there is a PCC meeting on Tues 15th September, I suggest we meet the week before that – maybe initially for a coffee and chat about how we would like the group to work. Obviously, without Ed it will be somewhat different. For a start, I am happy to host, but not to lead every time! I would also envisage that we would return to using study books of some sort – but those are all things to be decided.

So, please let me know if you would be interested in an evening home group, and which evening you would prefer, either by email at mikeandros.stuart@google-mail.com or in person.

Ros

Green Tip

Stand plant tubs in large deep saucers so that birds and frogs can benefit from the retained water as well as the plant.

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 Harrington, Ludlow Close, Fairfax Place & Cavendish Ct.*
- *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.

Wednesday	24 th Aug	Morning Prayer	9:15-10:00	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10:00	Church Centre	Mary D
Sunday	30 th	Morning Prayer	10:00	Church	Raymond

Next Sunday, 30th Aug 10am Morning Prayer Leader & Sermon Raymond

A/V: Mike S & Steve J Stewards: Rachel & Ros
Reading 1: Hos 14:1-9 Rachel
Reading 2: Luke 18:9-14 Barbara
Intercessions: Libby Café: Sally & Karen

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

