



Knowing Jesus

Sharing God's Love

Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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23rd February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

10:00

Lead: *Ed*; Sermon: *Ed*

A/V: *Mike S and Steve J*

Stewards: *Wendy and George*

Welcome & Notices

MP449 Love Divine

Confession

SoF2032 Speak, O Lord

Reading Ruth 3 (Heather)

Psalm 103:1-12

Reading Luke 6:27-38 (Jane O)

Sermon

MP275 I heard the Voice of Jesus say

Creed (Apostles')

Intercessions (David)

MP214 Guide me, o thou great redeemer

Blessing

Church Café

Nick and Sally

Collect (2nd before Lent)

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Rest and Redemption

Where can we find rest? Research suggests that collectively, we in the UK spent roughly £64.2 billion on holidays in 2024. But rest is more than just relaxation or recreation. The insurer AXA estimates the cost to the UK economy of stress, burnout and other work related mental health problems at an astonishing £102 billion. And even if it doesn't make us ill, many of us feel the urgent need for a rest.

The greatest theologian of the early Church, St Augustine, said our yearning for rest pointed to God; He prayed "You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." In our Ruth passage this week, we see how God provides rest for Ruth and Naomi by securing their future through a redeemer. What might that say to us as we search for rest?

Ed.

Electoral Roll: Full Revision 2025

This year (and every 6 years) we are preparing a new Electoral Roll. If you are on the Electoral Roll now, or if you are not on the Electoral Roll and would like to be (or think you should be!) you are invited to apply to be on the new Roll.

*Note: You must apply this year and do so **before 8th March** for your name to be on the Electoral Roll for the APCM on 23rd March 2025.*

Blank Forms are available from the Electoral Roll Officer (Derek Harwood), or the Church Office.

Completed forms should be given to Derek (or hand into the office and Maggie will see that Derek gets them.)

Christian Resources in

Newbury

Sonrise Christian Resources will be popping up with a Christian Resources stall at the Open Door coffee morning at Newbury Methodist Church on 25 February 2025 from 10am until 12.

Open to everyone, this is a great opportunity to pick up Lent reading material, as well as Easter cards and gifts. Do pop by for a browse, a chat and to sample the coffee and cake at the Open Door.

Green tip

When clearing your garden for spring, leave some dead small branches, twigs and stalks in a corner to support insect life.

Coffee Morning at St Nic's – 13th March

Please could you start collecting bric a brac and tombola prizes.

There is a signup sheet at back of Church for homemade cakes/scones or if you are available to help on the day.

See Ros for more details.

Mary Curtis

Mary Curtis, a once regular part of the Shaw Church community, died at the Argyles Care Home on 12th February 2025.

There will be a celebration of her life at St John's Church, Newbury on 20th March at 11:30am – all are welcome.

Tony Bradford and Libby are running the Bath Half Marathon for Action Through Enterprise on 16 March.

If you would like to sponsor them, here are the links to their fundraising pages.

<https://bathhalf2025.enthuse.com/pf/tony-bradford>

<https://bathhalf2025.enthuse.com/pf/libby-goldsack>

There will also be sponsor sheets at church.

Many thanks for your support

Choral Concert at St Mary's

St Mary's are delighted to welcome back Cantemus Choir who will be performing their 25th Anniversary Concert on 15th March at 7:30pm. Steve Bowey will be accompanying the choir and will also play some solo pieces during the concert.

Tickets are £12 each and can be purchased from Rachel Haslam.

All proceeds will be for church funds.

Stewards will be needed to welcome the audience and serve interval refreshments so please let Rachel know if you are able to help.

**World Day of Prayer – Friday 7th March at 10:30am
At Newbury Methodist Church.**

You are warmly invited to join the
Newbury World Day of Prayer



Prayer Breakfast – next week: Saturday 1st March

Do come along and join us to eat, chat and pray – 9am – 10am on the first Saturday of each month.

For March (next week), our usual chef is away and there is an opportunity for someone else to be in the kitchen. Please speak to *Raymond* if you are able to help.

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, Geoffrey Keegan, Brian Eaton.***
- ***Our nursing home fellowship members, including Joan Lamonby, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Sheila Smith, Mansour Afshari.***
- ***For the Boys' Brigade***
- ***This week, the residents of Kingsley Close and 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 weeks: February 2025

Monday	24 th	Myrtle Café	12:00 – 14:30	Church Centre	David W
Tuesday	25 th	Meeting Point	9:45 – 11:15	Church Centre	Libby
		Lunch Club	12:00 – 14:00	Church Centre	Ros
		Home Group	19:30 – 21:00	Rectory	Ed
Wednesday	26 th	Morning Prayer	9.15 – 10.00	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10.00 – 12.00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Midweek Communion	10:30	Church	Raymond
		Boys' Brigade	18:15 – 19:45	Church Centre	Ed
Thursday	27 th	COINS Prayer Meeting	10:00 – 12:00	Church Centre	Raymond/Ed
Saturday	1 st	Prayer Breakfast	9:00 – 10:00	Church Centre	Raymond

Next Sunday

2nd March 2025 – Lent -1

10:00	Holy Communion
Leader:	Ed
Stewards	Sally/Jane Y
Sound	Heather/Visuals Wendy
Reading	Ruth 4 – Lesley A
	Luke 9:28-43a – tba
Intercessions	Sally
Kitchen	David & Lisa W