



Knowing Jesus

Sharing God's Love

Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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23rd March – First Sunday of Lent

10:00 Holy Communion

Lead: *Raymond* A/V: *Heather & Mike*

Stewards: *Rachel & George*

Welcome & Notices

MP148 For all the saints

Commandments and Confession

Reading Heb 4:1-11 (Derek)

M275 I heard the voice of Jesus say

Reading Luke 6:1-11 (George)

Sermon

Creed (Apostles)

Intercessions (Libby)

MP515 O Love that wilt not let me go

Blessing

Church Café

Rachel & Gill

Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who profess the Christian Faith, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are in agreement with it; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Seven Days

As the earth spins, we have evening and morning, and we count a day; The phases of the moon count off the months. And the cycle of seasons count the years. But there is no natural phenomenon to account for a week having seven days. So why does it?

In ancient times, across the world, a 'week' could have various numbers of days, but first the Jews, then the Christians, and then the Muslims drew from the book of Genesis: six days of creation followed by a day of rest; and they read the instruction from God through Moses as recorded in the 4th Commandment: to make one day in seven holy, special, set apart; a day for God, a day for rest, the last day of the week.

You often hear people objecting to religious ideas spilling into the secular world, but I've never heard anyone complain about 7 days in a week. After their revolution, the French tried a metric week of 10 days (and 100 seconds in a minute and 100 minutes in an hour, and 10 hours in a day), but it didn't last. But how many people take a day of rest? How many mark one day as holy?

"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God." Exodus 20:8-10

Raymond

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) Sunday 23rd March 2025

The Church APCM will be held after the morning service this week.

There is a notice in the porch with details of who can and may attend and vote.

We are electing **Church Wardens** and **PCC Members**, so please talk to Raymond or Ros if you would be prepared to take on either of these roles.

We are also looking for a new **PCC Secretary**. If you think you might have the skills, time and inclination, please speak to Raymond or Ros.

The Annual Report is available now. Do please read it before the meeting.

Copies available at the back of church and, if we have your email address, we sent you a link to download them from shawchurch.org/weekly-notice-sheet

Mothering Sunday – Preparation of Posies – 10am Saturday 29th March

This year, we are asking any men who are able to, to come and assemble the posies we give out on Mothering Sunday.

Flowers, greenery and all other things you need will be provided.

Do come along at to help assemble the posies.

And please do come to the Mothering Sunday service next week!

Fair Trade Big Brew – at Myrtle Café on 24th March

Cuppa, Cake and Quiz.

Christian Aid Coffee Morning, Thursday 3rd April at St Nic's

Home-made cakes etc., needed – please see Libby if you can help.

Christian Resources in Newbury

Sonrise Christian Resources will be popping up with an Easter stall at the Open Door coffee morning at Newbury Methodist Church on 15 April 2025, 10am noon.

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

You can even order ahead and collect on the day - just visit our website www.sonrisechristianresources.co.uk or call us on 07396 825097.

 <p>REPAIR CAFE Newbury & Thatcham</p>	<p><i>Bin it? No Way!</i></p>
<p>Sun 30th March 2025 14:00 to 16:30 Methodist Church Hall, Newbury RG14 1AN NOTE:- Items usually accepted for repair until 30 minutes before closing</p>	
<p>Sun 27th April 2025 10:00 to 12:30 Frank Hutchings Community Hall, Thatcham RG18 4QH</p>	
<p>What is a Repair Café? - Fixing a broken toaster - Reducing waste - Chatting over coffee, tea & biscuits Voluntary contributions welcome</p>	
<p>Electrical / electronic goods – Toys -Tool sharpening – Clothing / Textiles – Costume jewellery repairs – Small items of furniture / wooden objects – General repairs Mobile phone & IT advice / troubleshooting</p>	
<p>For more information visit www.repaircafe.org/en/cafe/newbury-and-thatcham-repair-cafe e: newburythatchamrepaircafe@gmail.com f: Newbury and Thatcham Repair Café</p>	

Paul Seiver's Photographic "Flower Show"
 On Saturday 29th March 3-5pm

Featuring photos from:


- 2024 flowers in the Church
- Visit to Waterperry Gardens
- Preview of Exbury Gardens

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

Tea and Cake will be served during the interval.

If you are able to provide a cake, please sign up at the back of church.

Thank you.



Lent at St Mary's this year

During Lent this year, we are looking at what God requires of us. You are warmly invited to join us on Sundays and Tuesday as we consider God's Commandments:

Sundays:	Tuesdays
9 Mar No other Gods; No idols	You shall not Murder
16 Mar Do not misuse the Name	You shall not commit Adultery
23 Mar Remember the Sabbath	You shall not Steal
30 Mar Honour your Parents	You shall not bear false witness
6 Apr Christ, Our Righteousness	You shall not covet
13 Apr Palm Sunday	
17 Apr Maundy Thursday: The New Commandment: Love each other	

Greenfest at St Barts School 5th April 2025 10:30am – 3pm

A Rocha (who run Eco Church) Partners in Action will be there.

More information form <https://www.wbge.org.uk/greenfest.html> or <https://arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/eco-church>

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, Maggie Wiseman.***
- ***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 Donnington Lodge & The Chase***
- ***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	24 th	Myrtle Café with Big Brew	12:00 – 14:30	Church Centre	David W
Tuesday	25 th	Meeting Point	9:45 – 11:15	Church Centre	Libby
		Lent Course	19:30 – 21:00	Church Centre	Ed
Wednesday	26 th	Morning Prayer	9.15 – 10.00	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10.00 – 12.00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Holy Communion	10.30	Church	Raymond
		Boys' Brigade	18:15 – 19:45	Church Centre	Ed
Thursday	27 th	COINS	10:00 – 12:00		Raymond
Saturday	29 th	Mothering Sunday Flower Preparation	10am	Church Centre	Raymond
		Photo Flower Show	3 pm – 5pm	Church Centre	Mary D

Next Sunday

30th March 2025 – Mothering Sunday Brigade Parade

10:00 Morning Prayer

Leader RO

Intercessions Karen

Stewards Sally, Libby

Café Wendy & Karen

Sound Rachel Visuals Steve J

Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who helped with the coffee morning on Thursday 13th March
We raised £236.

Green tip

Select loose fruit and veg and look out for “wonky” products