



Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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23rd November 2025

10:00 am Morning Prayer

Lead: Ed Speak: Raymond

A/V: TBC - Rachel

Stewards: Sally and George

Welcome, Notices

RB 194 King of glory, King of Peace

Confession, Absolution & Collect

RB 331 The God of Abram praise

Reading Gen 22: 10-18- Heather

Benedictus (said)

Reading Luke 20: 27-38 - Rachel

Sermon

RB 249 Take my life and let it be

Creed (Apostles')

Intercessions David Willetts

**RB 147 Crown him with many
crowns (V1345)**

Blessing

Church Café: Rachel and Gill

Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet.

Test

I gave someone a test this week. I wasn't trying to trip them up or catch them out – I genuinely wanted to know if they could do something, and if they could how they did it.

We sometimes shy away from tests. We don't like being judged, we don't like being found wanting, we don't like to fail. But sometimes a test is the opportunity to show that we can, and sometimes one test is a challenge that leads to another, and we find that we learn and grow along the way.

So what would you say if God wanted to test your faith? Would you object or run away? Or would you do what God asks of you, in the same way you normally to?

In Hebrews 11, we find a catalogue of things people through the Bible-ages did because of their faith Why not read it?

James writes that 'the testing of your faith produces perseverance' (James 1:3), and I think perseverance is something worth having – as James goes on to say: 'Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.' (James 1:4).

Raymond

Newbury and Thatcham Repair Café... Bin it? NO WAY!!

Q: What is Repair café? A: Fixing a broken toaster, reducing waste, chatting over coffee, tea and biscuits

Voluntary donations welcome

Electronic goods, toys, tool sharpening, costume jewellery repairs, small items of furniture, wooden objects, general repairs, mobile phone and IT advice, troubleshooting

When: **Sunday 30th November 14:00-16.30**

Where: **Methodist Church Hall**

Newbury RG14 1AN



Parish Administrator

St Mary's, Shaw cum Donnington

We are looking to appoint a part-time

Parish Administrator to assist with General Administration, Office and Premises Management, and Parish Communications.



Hours: 15 hr/week (hours negotiable but should include Friday – would suit someone dropping off/picking up children from school).

You will need strong administrative, organisational and communication skills, Pastoral sensitivity in person, on the phone and in emails.

For an informal chat, or an application form, please contact the Rector, Revd Raymond Obin on 07810 120117 or email raymond@shawchurch.org

Hallelujah!

Journeying Through Advent with Handel's Messiah

Why not read this together as a church?

The genius, and uniqueness, of Handel's Messiah is that every single note is taken directly from the Bible, no more no less.

Dave and Sally Gobbett's new Advent devotion uses Handel's masterpiece as a springboard for a daily meditation.

£1.00

Please let Mary Dawkins know if you would like copy.



We need your help!



If you shop online for yourself or for your business, or are thinking of buying **Christmas presents** on-line or booking a **holiday** for next year, please could you sign up to **easyfundraising** to support St Mary's Church, Shaw-cum-Donnington?

It's a really easy way to raise money for us – you just use the easyfundraising site to shop online with more than 3,600 well known online stores like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden and M&S. When you make a purchase, the retailer sends us a free donation, **at no extra cost to you.**

When you have registered with easyfundraising, don't forget to activate the 'donation reminder.' This prompts you to confirm that you would like a retailer to make a donation to St Mary's on your behalf when you visit their site.

We have already raised **over £600** since we started using this fundraising tool. We hope we can raise lots more in the future to support our activities here at St Mary's. All our office and church supplies are already purchased this way.

Even a few pence raised with each transaction adds up if lots of people take part. Some companies make bigger donations on purchases, for example £30 on Direct Line Car Insurance, up to 2% from John Lewis and up to 4% on Booking.com

Please talk to Rachel Haslam if you need any more information.

Thank you for your support.

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 Marshall, Pat Lee, Mansour Ashfari.**
- **For the Boys' Brigade and Girls Association**
- **Residents of Skyllings, Martingale Chase and Craven Dene**
- **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		Myrtle Cafe	10:30 - 12:30	Church Centre	David
Tuesday		Meeting Point	9:45 - 11:15	Church Centre	Libby
		Lunch Club	12:00-14:00	Church Centre	Ros
Wednesday		Morning prayer	09:15 - 10:00	Church	Raymond
		Midweek Communion	10.30-11:00	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10:00 - 12:00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Boys Brigade	18:15 - 19:45	Church Centre	Jane O

Next Sunday, 30th November

Advent Sunday

10:00 Morning Prayer

Lead: Ed Speak: Ed

Stewards: Lesley A and Jane Y

Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5- George

Gospel: Matt. 24: 36-44 – Jane O

Intercessions: Ed

Café: Sally and Nick

Green tip

Buy Christmas presents in charity shops, make them, or select sustainable gifts (non-plastic and palm-oil free). Or buy pollinator-friendly garden plants or seeds.