



Knowing Jesus  
Sharing God's Love  
Caring for People

# St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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**23<sup>rd</sup> June Trinity 4**

## Morning Worship

Leader: *Raymond*;

Stewards: *Mary H & Charles*

Welcome & Notices

**MP251** *How sweet the name of Jesus sounds*

Confession

Reading Romans 14:1-12 (Derek)

Reading Mark 9:33-41 (Steve)

**MP1008** *The Lord's My Shepherd*

Sermon (Ed)

Creed

Intercessions (David Willetts)

Collect

**MP32** *An army of ordinary people*

Blessing

## Church Café

Nick & Sally

## Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Ministers' Weekly

### Keeping the main thing the main thing

One of the most exciting truths about the Gospel is that it embraces people from every culture on earth. From the Roman Empire to the space age, and from Jerusalem and Judea to the ends of the Earth, the Gospel is the power of God to save everyone who believes. (Romans 1:16)

But where there are so many different peoples and cultures in the church, there are bound to be differences of opinion and practise. What seems natural and normal in one culture can be highly offensive in another. Even within the same culture, differences of conscience are common.

Whenever a disagreement arises, it's vitally important to maintain a sense of perspective. Sometimes it really is worth arguing about something, especially if a core matter of principle is at stake. But many disagreements are about things of lesser importance. In these cases, the argument may actually be more damaging than the difference that started it.

In this week's Roman's reading, Paul helps us navigate our differences by putting the things that truly matter at the centre; the call to love one another and the righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit which characterise Christ's Kingdom.

*Ed*



The team have requested urgent assistance with the items listed; can you help, this week? Your donations make a BIG difference to local people in crisis. Thank you.

**Urgently Needed:**

- Cup-a-Soup
- Rice Pudding
- Instant Noodles
- Cereal bars
- Coffee
- Custard
- Tinned Fruit
- Cereal

**Low on Stock:**

- Pasta Sauce
- Fruit Squash
- Tinned Soup

*Well Stocked, NO MORE REQUIRED, thankyou:*

Baked Beans, Pasta



Drop-off locations & latest lists:  
(and links to the Foodbank App!)

<https://westberks.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

**GENERAL ELECTION  
HUSTINGS**



STEVE MASTERS  
GREEN PARTY



DOUG TERRY  
REFORM UK



LAURA FARRIS  
CONSERVATIVE



LEE DILLON  
LIBERAL DEMOCRATS



SARA BEESE  
FREEDOM ALLIANCE



LIZ BELL  
LABOUR



GARY JOHNSON  
UK INDEPENDENCE PARTY

**ST NICOLAS CHURCH**

Weds 26 June 7.30pm

**Before you vote, come and hear what your seven candidates have to say**

St Nicolas Church, West Mills RG14 5HG  
[office@st-nics.org](mailto:office@st-nics.org)

**Your invitation to a  
Reminiscence Afternoon**

Tuesday 2 July 2024  
2.30 - 4.00 pm

in the Church Centre

Transport available if needed.  
Ring Libby on 30719 or email  
[libby.goldsack@btinternet.com](mailto:libby.goldsack@btinternet.com)

Come and share your (or your family's) memories of  
**the Second World War**  
(continued)  
with special emphasis on  
**D Day, VE Day, VJ Day  
& Shaw Churchyard  
War Graves**

All welcome –  
do please bring your friends.

**Green tip for the warmer weather** Birds and bees need water in the summer in a shallow vessel, or for bees a plate they can get a grip on to get to the water.

# Read Mark

Mark 10:1-16 (NIV)



## Divorce

<sup>1</sup> Jesus then left that place and went into the region of Judea and across the Jordan. Again, crowds of people came to him, and as was his custom, he taught them.

<sup>2</sup> Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”

<sup>3</sup> “What did Moses command you?” he replied.

<sup>4</sup> They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.”

<sup>5</sup> “It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,” Jesus replied. <sup>6</sup> “But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup> ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, <sup>8</sup> and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

<sup>10</sup> When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. <sup>11</sup> He answered, “Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. <sup>12</sup> And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.”

## The Little Children and Jesus

<sup>13</sup> People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them,

“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

<sup>16</sup> And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

The Filling Station is an informal way to express the Christian faith through celebration meetings created to build the community spiritually. Each month we have a guest speaker, live band and a learn on hand for prayers. Come for a spiritual top up and bring others you'd like to bless with the same.

**DOWNLAND MEETINGS 2024**

**June 20-James Nickols** Minister and Chief Operating Officer of The Filling Station Trust, James offers something for both the heart and the head with extensive knowledge and sensitivity to God's Spirit.

**July 18-Andy Angel** Minister, college professor and author, Andy has joined the Oxford Diocese as Director of Ministry and Mission.

**Sept 19-Caroline Whitehead** Minister at KCC, Hospital Chaplain and former missionary.

*Come relax, refresh and refuel*

EVERY 3rd THURSDAY (and Aug & Dec) 7:30-9:30pm  
Hampstead Norries Village Hall  
RG30 0TH

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**Dr Rev Andy Angel**  
a new addition to the diocese,  
creating a vision for the shape  
of ministry in the future

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## 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.***
- ***Our nursing home fellowship members, including Mary Taylor, Joan Lamonby, Sylvia Reed, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Mary Curtis***
- ***This week, the residents of Cromwell Road, Orchard Close, Addison Gardens & Matchlock Mews***
- ***That we will find a new Parish Administrator***
- ***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](mailto:libby.goldsack@btinternet.com) and she will circulate your request.

## What's on this week:

Monday	24 <sup>th</sup>	Myrtle Café	11:30	Church Centre	David Willetts
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting Point	09:45 –11:00	Church Centre	Libby
		Lunch Club	12:00 –14:00		Ros
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Daytime Homegroup	14:30	Church Centre	Ed
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Homegroup	19:30	Rectory	Ed
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer	09:15 –10:00	Church	Raymond
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Barnabas Group	10:00 –12:00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Midweek Communion	10:30	Church	Raymond

## Next Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

10:00 am Morning Worship, Trinity 5

*Leader: Ed*

*Stewards: Sally & Janet S*

*Sound/Visuals: Mike S/Steve J*

*Intercessions: Wendy*

*Readings: Romans 15:14-33 (Jane O)*

*Mark 7:31-8:13 (George)*

*Café: Wendy & Karen*

### Parish Administrator

We are still looking for someone to support our church community with this part-time role (flexible, but we need some support on Fridays).

For more information and an application form, please contact the Rector, Revd Raymond Obin on 07810120117 or email [raymond@shawchurch.org](mailto:raymond@shawchurch.org)