



St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

Knowing Jesus, Sharing God's Love, Caring for People

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Sunday 24th March – Palm Sunday

Leader: Raymond Steward: Sally

AV: Steve J, Wendy

09:30 am Assemble for Palm Sunday **Procession**
(9:50am from Trinity School mini-roundabout)

Welcome & Notices

RB 61 *Ride on Ride on in Majesty* (v1,2,4a|5b)

Confession

Absolution

Reading Romans 6:1-23 (Derek)

MP 790 *You are the King of Glory*

Reading Mark 11:1-11 (Steve J)

Sermon (Ed)

Creed (Apostles)

RB 334 *A Man there Lived in Galilee*

Intercessions (David Willetts)

Collect

RB 60 *All glory, laud and honour* (v1,2,5,7)

Blessing

Church Café

Sally & Gill

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through 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.

The Gospel: Green light for sin?

This week's passage opens by asking an excellent question. If justification comes purely as a free gift and our good works don't contribute to it, why can't we just sin as much as we want? After all, if God is glorified when he shows mercy, why not give him even more opportunities to show mercy? (Romans 6:1)

I hope deep down we all want the answer to that question to be 'no'. We know that Christians are meant to love God, so it shouldn't feel right to think that the Gospel is a green light for sin. But we should also hope for more from the Gospel. If, as Paul has been saying, the fundamental problems of the world stem from our sin, then a Gospel which saves us from the punishment sin deserves, while still leaving us fundamentally unchanged, would be a very superficial solution to those problems.

What we're going to see in the next few chapters of Romans is that the Gospel saves us at a much deeper level than that. It not only rescues us from the penalty of sin, it also free us from its power.

Ed

The **Kitchen Project** has been approved for Match Funding – to donate and take advantage, go to <https://app.thegoodexchange.com/project/20220>.

Easter Fliers available this Sunday, please feel free to take some and distribute to friends, family & neighbours.

Easter at St Mary's

Palm Sunday	24 th March	10:00 am	Morning Worship
A procession will leave the Trinity School mini-roundabout on Love Lane at 9:50 and proceed to the church – all are welcome to join us			
Maundy Thursday	28 th March	7:30 pm	Holy Communion
Good Friday	29 th March	2:00 pm	Hour at the Cross
Saturday	30 th March	10:00 am	Easter Kids
Easter Sunday	31 st March	10:00 am	Holy Communion



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Revs Raymond and Ed warmly invite you to join us for our

Easter Celebrations

on Palm Sunday	Jesus entered Jerusalem
on Maundy Thursday	Jesus hosted the The Last Supper
on Good Friday	Jesus died for our sins
on Easter Day	Jesus was raised from the dead!

Easter Kids is on **Saturday** between Good Friday and Easter Sunday
10am — noon, with Easter-themed crafts, stories and fun

Easter Kids is for primary school-age children with a parent/carer.

**He was delivered over to death for our sins
and was raised to life for our justification.** *Romans 4:25*

Easter Emergency Collection

For Christian Aid Emergency Fund - for forgotten crises such as Sudan
There will be a basket at back of church on Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday & Sunday after Easter
or online: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergency-fund-appeal>

Meeting Point

Time together for you & your little ones

9.45 to 11.15 am on Tuesdays in term time (refreshments from 9.15)

Small, informal, friendly group - all in one room. Chat, discussions etc for adults. Play & crafts with little ones. Carpet time & singing for everyone

Come along to any meeting, but if you would like more details, contact Libby on 01635 30719 or libby.goldsack@btinternet.com

March 2024

26 Mar The Easter Story
(interactive)

April 2024

02&09 April No meeting
16 April - Informal

Read Mark

Mark 6:1-13



A Prophet Without Honour

¹ Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ² When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? ³ Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

⁴ Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honour except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” ⁵ He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶ He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. ⁷ Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

⁸ These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. ⁹ Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. ¹⁰ Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. ¹¹ And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”

¹² They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³ They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

Steve Bowey in Concert at Shaw Church **3pm Saturday 6th April 2024**

Including works by Bach, Mendelssohn and Stanford.

There is no charge for the concert and donations will be received for the work of St Mary’s. Refreshments will be served after the concert.

Tedesca Quartet at Shaw Church **4.00pm Sunday 28th April 2024**

Haydn Quartet Op 76 No. 1 in G Major
Shostakovich Quartet No. 7 Op 108
Mendelssohn Quartet in E flat Major Op 12

For tickets and enquiries please contact Rachel Haslam on 07919555043 or rachel.haslam@ntlworld.com

Churches Together (CTNA) invite everyone to celebrate together:

Good Friday Service - 29th March, **10.30am at St Nic’s Church**

It is always a joy to gather with Christians across Newbury for this annual service. All ages welcome. Our preacher is Peter Timothy, minister of Newbury Baptist Church. Followed by a walk to Newbury Methodist Church where we will sing outside in their newly landscaped church garden and enjoy hot cross buns and refreshments served in the church hall.

Easter Sunrise – 31st March, **6.30am at Greenham Control Tower**
6.30am (Watch Sunrise) 7am (Worship)

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, Angie Mackoon.**
- **Our nursing home fellowship members, including Mary Taylor, Joan Lamonby, Sylvia Reed, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall and Mary Curtis.**
- **Pat Troughton has moved to West Berks Hospital for palliative care.**
- **This week, the residents of Wantage Rd, Snelsmore & Donnington N/H.**
- **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.

Lent Course 2024 Tuesday evening: 7:30 – 9pm in the Church Centre

All are welcome to join us for our Lent Course this year.

Each week we will be reflecting on and digging deeper into the things talked about from Romans on the previous Sunday. Our journey through Romans is gently following Andrew Ollerton's Romans: A Letter that makes Sense of Life.

20th Feb Romans 2:1-15 Sin in our Attitudes

27th Feb Romans 3:21-31 Justified by Faith

5th Mar Romans 4:1-25 Living by Faith

12th Mar Romans 5:1-11 Peace with God

19th Mar Romans 5:12-21 Peace for you

26th Mar Romans 6:1-23 Dead to sin, Alive in Christ

28th Mar Romans 7:1-25 Sin brings death (Maundy Thursday evening service 7.30pm)

Things taking place this week

Monday	25 th	Myrtle Café	12:00 –15:00	Church Centre	David Willetts
Tuesday	26 th	Meeting Point	9:45 –11:00	Church Centre	Libby
Tuesday	26 th	Lunch Club	12:00 –14:00	Church Centre	Ros
Wednesday	27 th	Morning Prayer	9:15 –10:00	Church	Raymond
Wednesday	27 th	Barnabas Group	10:00 –12:00	Church Centre	Mary D/Judith
Thursday	28 th	Home Members Easter Service	14:15	Church Centre	Mary D
Thursday	28 th	Maundy Communion	19:30 –20:30	Church	Raymond
Good Friday	29 th	An Hour At The Cross	14:00 –15:00	Church	Raymond
Saturday	30 th	Easter Kids	10:00 –12:00	Church Centre	Ed

Next Sunday 31st Mar 2024: Easter Sunday

Reminder – The clocks move forward 1hour, on Easter Sunday morning.

10:00 am Holy Communion

Leader: Ed Sermon: Raymond Steward: Mark, Libby

Readings: Rom 8:1-17 **Jane O**

Mark 16:1-8 **George**

Intercessions: **Wendy** Café: **Rachel & Karen**