



Knowing Jesus

Sharing God's Love

Caring for People

## St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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## 24<sup>th</sup> November

### Morning Worship

*Raymond: Ed*

*A/V: Heather & Steve*

*Stewards: Lesley A & George*

Welcome & Notices

**MP1078 Jesus is Lord, the cry...**

Confession

Acts 28:1-10 (Heather)

Psalm 95

Mark 16:15-20 (Lesley A)

**MP790 You are the King of Glory**

Sermon

Intercessions (Ed)

**RB 147 Crown him with ... (V1345)**

Blessing

### Church Café

Libby & 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; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. **Amen**

### Stir up Sunday

This Sunday is the last one in the Church Calendar before the new liturgical year begins with Advent. Historically, it's been known as 'stir up Sunday' because the Prayer Book collect for this week was said to remind people to bake their Christmas cake on this day, so that it had time to mature before December 25<sup>th</sup>. It almost reads as though it were specially written for the occasion. Not only does it start with the image of stirring up our hearts, but it even contains a reference to plenteously bringing forth fruit.

Of course, it's completely up to you whether you make a Christmas cake today. But whether you do or don't, it's worth using this week's collect to think about our preparations for Christmas. Many things stir up our hearts at this time of year; preoccupations with buying gifts and food, the logistics of getting our families all in one place, and the complicated emotions – both happy and sad – that come with the festive season. Amidst all of that, let's keep praying that God would keep us alert to opportunities to do good, to serve him and to love our neighbour.

*Ed*

## Talking About Jesus – how do we share our faith?

7.30pm Weds 27 Nov

St Nic's Upper Hall

So often speaking about our faith can feel like something we want to do (or at least we know we ought to do) but don't know where to start.

The St Nic's curate, Revd Simon Eves (who says he is definitely not an expert at these things!) is leading an evening thinking about how we share the good news of Jesus with the people we know and love around us.

Simon promises no guilt-tripping, encouragement, and decent snacks!

Contact [simon@st-nics.org](mailto:simon@st-nics.org)

We need a small number of clear plastic bottles to turn into Christingle lamps for the service on 8<sup>th</sup> December. If you have any you are able to donate, please speak to Mary Dawkins.

## Newbury Cancer Care Calendars

2025 are now available: £10

Please see Maggie in the church office (Tue/Wed/Fri, 9am-2pm).

All proceeds to Newbury Cancer

## Green tip

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

## Meeting Point

26 Nov Advent /*Fledglings*

3 Dec Christmas Crafts

10 Dec The Christmas

Story *Fledglings*

17 Dec Informal with mince pies

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Our foodbank relies on your goodwill and support.

## Urgently needed

- Individual fruit juice
- Wet Wipes
- Tinned Vegetables
- Variety pack cereal
- Tin tomato/passata
- Tin Meat Meals - curry, hotpot, pies etc

## Low on Stock

- Tinned Fruit
- Honey
- Custard/  
Rice Pud
- Long Life  
Sponge Pud
- Tinned Soup
- Size 4 & 8 Nappies

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

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

Monetary donations also gratefully received online



## Read Mark 16 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body.

<sup>2</sup> Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb <sup>3</sup> and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" <sup>4</sup> But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. <sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

<sup>6</sup> "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" <sup>8</sup> Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

*[The earliest manuscripts and some other ancient witnesses do not have verses 9-20.]*

<sup>9</sup> When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons. <sup>10</sup> She went and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping. <sup>11</sup> When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe it.

<sup>12</sup> Afterward Jesus appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking in the country. <sup>13</sup> These returned and reported it to the rest; but they did not believe them either. <sup>14</sup> Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen.

<sup>15</sup> He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

<sup>16</sup> Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup> And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; <sup>18</sup> they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well." <sup>19</sup> After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. <sup>20</sup> Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

## 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 Mary Taylor, Joan Lamonby, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Mary Curtis**
- **For the Boys' Brigade**
- **This week, the residents of Skyllings, Martingale Chase, 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](mailto:libby.goldsack@btinternet.com) and she will circulate your request.

## What's on this week:

Monday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Myrtle Café	12:00-14:30	Church Centre	David Willets
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting Point	9:45-11:15	Church Centre	Libby
		Lunch Club	12:30	Church Centre	Ros
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer	09:15-10:00	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10:00-12:00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Holy Communion	10:30	Church	Ed
		Boys Brigade	18:15-19:45	Church Centre	Ed
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup>	COINS Christmas for local schools	am pm	Church & Centre	Raymond
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup>	Funeral (Lynn Wellman)	13:30	Church	Ed
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup>	Funeral (Sylvia Reed)	14:00	Crematorium	Raymond

## Next Sunday

### 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024 – Advent Sunday

10:00 Holy Communion  
 Leader: Raymond  
 Stewards Jane Y Charles  
 Sound Steve J Visuals Mike S  
 Reading 2Th2:1-8 Judith  
 Luke 21:25-36 Rachel  
 Intercessions: Wendy  
 Café: Rachel & Gina

**During coffee on 1Dec**  
 Sarah Gardiner from ATE will be giving an update on the charity's work in Ghana.