



Knowing Jesus  
Sharing God's Love  
Caring for People

## St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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### 24<sup>th</sup> May – 10am Holy Communion

Lead: *RO Sermon: EY*

A/V: *Heather & Steve J*

Steward: *Paul & Wendy*

LCA & CA: *Ed & Ros*

#### Welcome, Notices

#### RB 93 Come Holy Ghost (Choir 1<sup>st</sup> Verse)

Confession

#### Gloria (St Thomas)

Reading Acts 2:1-21 (Barbara)

#### Anthem – Songs of the spirit

Reading John 7:37-46 (Judith)

#### Sermon

#### RB 356 Father Lord of all creation

#### Creed (Nicene)

Intercessions Sally

#### RB 233 O Thou who camest from above

#### Communion

#### RB 156 Come down O Love divine

Blessing

Church Café Rachel & Judith

#### Collect (Pentecost)

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:

grant us by the same Spirit to have a right

judgement in all things and evermore to re-

joice in his holy comfort;

through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity

of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

### Don't go thirsty!

With the early summer just beginning, this week I read for the first time this year the word 'heatwave'. Apparently, in some parts of the country, the Met Office thinks the mercury could hit as high as 33C (about 91F) over the bank holiday weekend. So perhaps it is an apt time to be thinking about Jesus' words 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink' (John 7:37). Jesus is not, of course, talking about bodily hydration, important though that is.

He is talking about far deeper longings within our hearts, desires which nothing finite can satisfy, a restlessness that no material comfort can cure.

Pentecost celebrates the fulfilment of Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit to satisfy that thirst. His presence in our hearts becomes like a river, flowing within us. (John 7:38) But with the promise comes a challenge; Jesus says that this river of life doesn't just flow around inside us, it flows out to bring refreshment to those around us as well. We who find our thirst quenched in Jesus, must share him with others who are still thirsty. Will we let the river overflow to those in our lives?

Ed

## Remote Action (things to do from your home to make a difference)

1. Christian Aid reflection for Pentecost <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/news/pentecost-reflection>

2. Tearfund Pentecost reflection on injustice <https://www.tearfund.org/stories/2021/05/pentecost-bring-the-outside-inside>

3. Why bees matter, why they need help and how you can help (WWF advice) <https://www.wwf.org.uk/articles/whats-all-buzz-about-bees?pc=PA-0000421003>

**NB Leprosy Mission summer catalogue** now available. Borrow a catalogue from information stall in church centre or browse online at Leprosy Mission Shop and order through me. Libby (01635 30719 or [libby.goldsack@btinternet.com](mailto:libby.goldsack@btinternet.com))

**7<sup>th</sup> June Post Service.** Churches Count Nature & Moth trap viewing.  
Please do join in after the service with this national nature recording event.

**Green tip** You can help bees, in trouble but vital to our ecosystems and food security, even in small spaces. Grow flowers, provide habitat, avoid pesticides. (More detail in Remote Action)

## Invitation to Buffet Lunch to say farewell to Ed & Jane

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Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June from Noon

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You are invited to a farewell lunch in the Church Centre for Ed & Jane to thank them for all they have done in their time here and wish them well as they head to Oxford.

Please sign the sheet at the back of the church, reply to the Church Office, [office@shawchurch.org](mailto:office@shawchurch.org) or let Ros or Lesley know if you can come by no later than the 14<sup>th</sup> of June



### **COINS Help Needed**

COINS (Christian Outreach in Newbury Schools) is looking for some help with their Primary School Workshops for Year 6 pupils who are moving to Secondary School this year.

Help is needed on the following dates:

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 13:00-15:15 at Winchcombe School

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 13:00-15:15 at Speenhamland School

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 13:00-15:15 at The Willows School

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 13:00-15:15 at St Nicolas Junior School

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 09:00-11:45 at John Rankin School

Please contact Kate Adlam if you are able to help.

Email [Kate@coinsnewbury.org](mailto:Kate@coinsnewbury.org)

Thank you!

## **An Exciting Opportunity with COINS**

***Do you enjoy sharing Jesus with children?***

***Do you like the idea of part-time work in schools?***

***Would you like to be part of a supportive, creative team?***

COINS is looking for a dynamic and motivated person to join our Primary School Team. At COINS we combine educational resources with a profound and personal faith linking schools, churches and the wider Christian community in Newbury. We provide resources, workshops, assemblies, lessons and school clubs to support Christian teaching in schools. We are looking for a suitably qualified person to take up a paid position of 6-8 hours per week, term-time only. Applicants should have a passion for sharing their faith with primary school children in an inclusive, engaging and relevant manner.

For further information please contact Liz on [lizahow@coinsnewbury.org](mailto:lizahow@coinsnewbury.org)

*Closing date for applications 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026*

*Interviews week of 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June and will include conducting a small group session with children.*

*Starting date 7<sup>th</sup> Sept.*



### **Last chance to sign up**

Parish Outing to Hinton Ampner

On Sunday 31st May 2026

House & Garden £18.00

Garden £16.00

National Trust Members Free

[Signup sheet at back of 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.



- *Brian Eaton, Ruth Fisher, Mark Hutson, Cynthia Lane, June Milsom Maggie Wiseman*
- *Our nursing home fellowship members, including Joan Lamonby, Chris Fenwick, Pat Lee, Mansour Afshari.*
- *For the Boys' Brigade and Girls Association*
- *Residents of Northwood Drive & Cavalier Close*
- *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 in the coming week:

Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Club		Church Centre	Ros
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer	9:15-10.00	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10:00-12:00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Midweek Communion	10:00	Church	Raymond
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup>	Make Lunch	9:00-13.30	Church Centre	
Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup>	Trinity Environment Service	10:00	Church	Libby
		Parish Outing			Mary D

**Barnabas Group Outing** Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> if you are interested in attending, please speak to Mary D, you will be warmly welcomed.

### Next Sunday, 31st May 10am Morning Prayer Trinity Environment Service

Leader/Sermon	MdQ	Intercessions	Libby
Stewards	Libby & Sally	Reading 1	Psalm 148 (Janet)
A/V	Ollie & Rachel	Reading 2	John 6 v 1-13 (Diana)
Café	Wendy & Karen		

At St Mary's, we value the offerings people make to the work of the church: in their time, activity and money. We will not be passing an offering plate or basket round during the service today. If you would like to support the work of the church financially, please use offering plate or tap-and-go machine by the door, or visit [shawchurch.org/giving](http://shawchurch.org/giving) or scan the QR code. If you would like to give to the church regularly, please see [parishgiving.org.uk](http://parishgiving.org.uk)

