



Knowing Jesus  
Sharing God's Love  
Caring for People

## St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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**25<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**10:00 am Morning Worship**

**Lead: Raymond / Sermon: Ed**

**A/V: Heather /Mike S**

**Stewards: Rachel & Ros**

**Welcome, Notices.**

**MP 200 Great is Thy Faithfulness**

**Confession**

**MP 400/RB 224 Lead us, Heavenly**

**Father, Lead us**

**Reading: Phil. 4: 4-7 – Gill M**

**Reading: Matt. 6: 9-15– Barbara**

**Sermon**

**Creed (Apostles)**

**MP181 God forgave my sin**

**Intercessions: Libby**

**Anthem**

**RB 177 Thy Kingdom come, O God  
(12346)**

**Blessing.**

**Church Café: Jane Y & Daphne**

**Collect (Epiphany 3)**

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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**

## Prayer for Anxious Hearts

Anyone who has been following the news for the last few years will know that anxiety is on the rise in the UK, especially amongst young people. Doubtless, there are many reasons for this, ranging from global affairs like the climate, to the individual stresses each person encounters in daily life.

There are many ways of coping with anxiety, and, for some, professional help may be not just beneficial but necessary. In our Philippians reading, Paul gives his advice to the anxious. Whenever we are anxious, whatever we are anxious about, Paul tells us to pray about it and ask God for whatever we want to come out of the situation. He reminds us to combine our prayer with thanksgiving, and indeed, the link between practising gratitude and reduced anxiety has been repeatedly demonstrated. Lastly, he tells us to remember the peace we enjoy with God. Whatever may happen, however we may feel about it, we are at peace with God through the work of Jesus. He will care for us, come what may.

Ed

## 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 Shaw Hill, Lampacres, Monica Gardens and The Dolmans**
- **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.

### Church News

The funeral of Derek Harwood will be here, at St Mary's, on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 1:30 pm.**

Refreshments will be served in the church Centre after the service.

Please pray for Derek's family and the many friends who will miss him.

## What's on in the coming week:

Monday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Myrtle Community Cafe	10:30 - 12:30	Church Centre	David
Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting Point	9:45 - 11:15	Church Centre	Libby
		Lunch Club	12:00	Church Centre	
		Home Group	19:30 – 21:00	Rectory	Ed
Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer	9:15	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10:00 - 12:00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Midweek Communion	10:30	Church	
		Boys Brigade	17:00 - 20:30	Church Centre	Jane O

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

**R1. Sign up for the Big Garden Bird Watch (23 to 25 January)** Help draw up the picture of how garden birds are faring. <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch/register> or phone **01767693680**.

Get ready for your bird watch at

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch/how-to-attract-birds-to-your-garden>

**2. Have a green read:** suggestions from the Diocesan Greenshoots group [Changing the Climate](#) by the Hawker family, a workbook of 12 chapters each looking at a particular Bible passage, connecting it with climate action, posing questions and suggesting practical steps that can be taken. Bill McKibben's [Here Comes the Sun](#). It gives the good news about the solar revolution (aka industrial revolution). It's an encouraging book and might lift spirits!

Ruth Valerio's books such as [Saying Yes to Life](#) and [L is for Lifestyle](#), and [Dave Bookless'](#) several books.

[Rewild Yourself, 23 spellbinding ways to make nature more visible](#) by Simon Barnes.

An easy-to-read book that makes you long to get outside and up close to the natural world

[This Book is a Plant](#) (collection of book samples in one, some chapters infuriating, some fascinating!)

[Fresh From the Word](#) daily bible reading notes were recommended. They come in a book for the whole year. The authors share their life experiences alongside bible passages to bring them alive.

**3. Support the Leprosy Mission: browse at** <https://www.theleprosymissionshop.com/> or borrow a catalogue from the information stall in church centre and order through me. Sale now on. And please pray for their work. World Leprosy Day is 25 January.

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### Green tip

Put up nest boxes asap if not already done. Clean out existing ones which are not back in place yet (too late now for ones already up) but use only mild/eco detergent e.g. washing up liquid, or boiling water, not pesticides or strong chemicals.

## Could you be a School Governor?

The church school in our parish, Shaw cum Donnington Primary School, is looking for two new governors. If you think this is something you would like to do, please have a word with Raymond.

You don't need to have experience of teaching or of being a governor.

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The school is also looking for a new Chair of Governors, so if you've been a governor before, this is an opportunity to get involved in a significant way in our local church school

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**Next Sunday, 1st February**

**10:00 Holy Communion**

Stewards: Jane Y & Mary D

A/V Mike S & Wendy

Reading: Paul: Mal 3:1-5

Gospel: Lesley: Luke 2:22-40

Intercessions: Jane Y

LCA & CA: Ros & Ed

Café: Libby & Julie