Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington
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25th October 2026
10am Morning Prayer
Lead/Sermon: Raymond

A/V: Steve, Mike
Stewards: Janet S, Ros
Welcome, Notices
RB 509 Rise and Hear
Reading Matt 17:24-27 (Jane O)
Psalm 119 (ב Beth & ג Gimel)
RB 166 Lord Thy Word Abideth
Reading 1Jn3:19-4:6 (Janes S)
Sermon
RB 247 I Heard the Voice of Jesus (Tune ii)
Creed
Intercessions: David W
Collect for Last Sunday after Trinity
RB 180 Thou Whose Almighty Word
Blessing

Church Café: Sally & Nick

Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

O When the Saints

I went to London last week. The train stopped in Reading and a man got on and sat across the aisle from me. We got talking. He was going to Liverpool to watch Everton play (he had a hospitality package including lunch before the 12:30 kick off). As he left the train I said something about 'success' and 'Everton'.

It was only afterwards I remembered that someone at Shaw Church is a Chelsea supporter, so maybe I really wanted Chelsea to win (they did).

This chap was more invested in Everton than I'll ever be invested in my team (after the summer scandal, I'll mention no names), but football is an example of how we latch on to, and loyally support something outside of ourselves. But what makes you a support of one teams over another?

Perhaps we could describe Christians as 'Jesus supporters' – we have chosen to be on his side against all others. But what does that actually mean? The passage this week begins "This is how we know" and it raises some important questions about conscience, obedience, faith, and love. But above all, John tells us that "We know it by the Spirit he gave us." (1 John 2:24) *Raymond.*

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

1. Christian Aid coffee morning at St Nic's 10-12 noon, 29 October; home-made cakes and tombola prizes needed please. Or drop in for coffee, cake and bargains.

2. Link to Hope Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Could you pack a box of essentials and cheering items for a deprived family or elderly person in Eastern Europe? Take a leaflet (includes form) from church. Please follow instructions carefully as they need specific items and packing and must have the official form attached with £3. Please only use modest size shoeboxes. Boxes need to be in church by Remembrance Sunday, 8 November.

Or you could contribute items, by 2 November if possible - box in church. Or pay for Link to Hope to pack one for you (follow link).

More information at https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2026/

3. Half-term or cosy reading: make an impact with every book you buy at Awesome Books which aims to prevent books from being thrown away. They collect books people no longer want, and sell them to customers worldwide. Additionally, they donate books to literacy programs. And they are bargain prices. https://www.awesomebooks.com/used-books?

Libby Goldsack 01635 30719 or libby.goldsack@btinternet.com

HOME GROUP (Bible Study)

Now meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month at:

21 Hedgeway, RG14 2PB.

Arriving from 7.15pm onwards for tea/coffee with

Bible study starting at 7.45, ending around 9 - 9.15pm.

Everyone is very welcome, but if you could please let me know if you plan to come so I know how many chairs we will need!

Thank you. Ros (rosandmike.stuart@googlemail.com / 01635 580145/07909 507342)

The dates of homegroup for the rest of this term will be**:**

28th October, 11th and 25th November, tbc December.



Green tip

Use draught excluders (sausage dogs) to prevent draughts under doors and hang a curtain or piece of warm material to cover the inside of your letter box even if it has a brush entry.

SAVE THE DATE



Advance notice of the TEAR Fund big quiz happening on

Saturday 21st November

in the afternoon (time to be confirmed).

The aim is to have fun and raise funds for TEAR Fund at the same time. Please do come and support us and bring family and friends along. Either come as a team or come on your own and join a team. (Teams of up to 6 people).
There will be tea/coffee and cake during the interval.
Further details from Ros.

COINS: Pause and Pray

Please come and join the COINS Team on

Thursday 5 November 2026 10:00-12:00.

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COINS (Christian Outreach in Newbury Schools) hosts termly Pause and Pray events for members of the Christian community in Newbury to get together and pray for our schools. It is also an opportunity to catch up on what COINS have been doing in the schools in Newbury and to learn about volunteering opportunities for our Year 6 Christmas Gift events.
Please join us for refreshments and prayer, we look forward to seeing you!

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, Cynthia Lane, June Milsom Maggie Wiseman.***
- ***Our nursing home fellowship members, including Joan Lamonby, Chris Fenwick, Pat Lee, Mansour Afshari, Arthur Marshall.***
- ***For the Boys' Brigade and Girls Association Open evening on 4th November for prospective new members***
- ***Residents of*** *London Road & Newbury Grove Care Home*
- ***Our minister Raymond 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.

Monday	26th Oct	Myrtle Community Café	No meeting	Half-Term	David
Tuesday	27th	Meeting Point	No meeting	Half-Term	Libby
		Lunch Club		Church Centre	Ros
Wednesday	28th	Morning Prayer	9:15-10:00	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10:00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association	No meeting	Half-Term	Jane O
		Home Group	7.15 - 915	21 Hedgeway	Ros
	1st Nov	Bereavement Service	3pm	Church	

Next Sunday
1st November 10am Holy Communion
Revd Geoff Sowden is leading and preaching

A/V: Steve J/Mike Stewards: Libby & Ros
Reading 1: 1Jn4:7-21 Lesley
Reading 2: Matt 18:15-19 Judith
Intercessions: Libby Café: David & Lisa

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 or scan the QR code. If you would like to give to the church regularly, please see parishgiving.org.uk

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