



Knowing Jesus

Sharing God's Love

Caring for People

## St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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### 26<sup>th</sup> October – Bible Sunday

#### 10am Morning Worship

Lead: *Raymond with James Markham*

A/V: *Steve/Mike*

Steward: *Libby & George*

Welcome, Notices

**MP699 Thou, whose almighty word**

Confession, Absolution & Collect

**Bible Society Presentation**

Psalm 67

Reading Acts 8:26-40 (Gill)

**MP222 He was pierced for our**

Sermon

**MP164 From the Sun's Rising**

Intercessions (Libby)

**MP315 I will sing the wondrous story**

Blessing

**Church Café**

Nick & Sally

#### 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

#### Ears to Hear

If God wanted to speak to you, how would he do it?

Psalm 19 talks about the heavens and skies proclaiming God's glory and what he has made – which is a message we should take note of. The Psalm goes on to talk about the scriptures, how they refresh the soul, and bring wisdom and joy and light.

So maybe I shouldn't hypothesise 'if God wanted to' but rather say that 'God does want to speak to you', and he has done it through creation and as well as through the scripture – His Word – and through the Word made flesh – Jesus Christ.

So we can look at the heavens and hear the proclamation of God's glory, and look at creation and see God's hand at work.

And if we want to live how God wants us to, the place we start is with the scriptures – which lead us to Jesus. As Paul reminded Timothy, the scriptures are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. (2 Tim 3:15)

But maybe you are afraid to hear God speaking, maybe you would rather not hear what he wants to say. Which would be a shame, because the big thing that God wants us to hear is about his love for us. Someone once told me that the Bible can be summarised in 5 words:

God says "I love you"

*Raymond*

### ***Could you make (or buy) a Cake?***

Are you able to help with cake(s) for the **Annual Bereavement Service** on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

See sheet at rear of Church.



### ***Hallelujah!***

#### **Journeying Through Advent with Handel's Messiah**

Why not read this together as a church?

The genius, and uniqueness, of Handel's Messiah is that every single note is taken directly from the Bible, no more no less.

Dave and Sally Gobbett's new Advent devotion uses Handel's masterpiece as a springboard for a daily meditation.

£1.00

Please let Mary Dawkins know if you would like copy.



### **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? Or contribute items (box in church) or pay for Link to Hope to pack one for you? Look online (you don't need to register as we are a collection centre, just bring box or goods to church) and/or 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. Boxes need to be in church by 7 November, loose items by 2 November if possible. <https://linktohope.co.uk/shoobox-appeal-2025/>

## 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.



- ***Ann Booker, Brian Eaton, Ruth Fisher, Mark Hutson, Cynthia Lane, June Milsom, Maggie Wiseman.***
- ***Our nursing home fellowship members, including Joan Lamonby, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Pat Lee, Mansour Ashfari.***
- ***For the Boys' Brigade and Girls Association***
- ***London Road & Newbury Grove Care Home***
- ***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:

|           |                  |                                    |             |               |               |
|-----------|------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Monday    | 27 <sup>th</sup> | Myrtle Café                        | No meeting  | Half-term     |               |
| Tuesday   | 28 <sup>st</sup> | Meeting Point                      | No meeting  | Half-term     |               |
|           |                  | Lunch Club                         | 12:30       | Church Centre | Ros           |
| Wednesday | 29 <sup>th</sup> | Morning Prayer                     | 9:15-10.00  | Church Centre | Raymond       |
|           |                  | Barnabas Group                     | 10:00-12:00 | Church Centre | Mary D        |
|           |                  | Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association | No meeting  | Half-term     | Ed            |
| Thursday  | 30 <sup>th</sup> | Make Lunch                         | 9:00 13:30  | Church Centre | Bridge Church |
| Saturday  | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Tbc: Prayer Breakfast              | 9:00 10:00  | Church Centre | Ros           |

Next Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November – 4<sup>th</sup> Before Advent

### 10:00 Holy Communion

Leader Raymond Intercessions: tba  
 Stewards Rachel & Ros  
 Sound Mike Visuals Wendy  
 Readings Gen 15:1-20 Paul S  
 Luke 13:22-29 Steve J  
 Café Mike & Ros

### Green tip

Put up bird boxes now rather than wait until spring, as the birds start looking in autumn. Clean out existing boxes with "green" disinfectant to prevent disease.