



Knowing Jesus  
Sharing God's Love  
Caring for People

# St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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**26<sup>th</sup> May Trinity Sunday**

## Holy Communion

*Leader: Raymond*

*Steward: Wendy, Janet S*

*AV: Mike S, Rachel*

Welcome & Notices

**MP237 Holy, Holy, Holy**

Confession

**Gloria**

Reading Isaiah 6:1-8 (Heather)

Reading John 3:1-17 (Mark)

**MP557 Praise God from whom**

Sermon

Creed

Intercessions

**MP181 Freely, Freely**

Holy Communion

**MP699 Thou, whose almighty word**

Blessing

## Church Café

Barbara & Janet

## Collect

Holy God, faithful and unchanging:  
enlarge our minds with the knowledge  
of your truth, and draw us more  
deeply into the mystery of your love,  
that we may truly worship you, Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
for ever. Amen.

## God is Love

"I don't know why we're on this earth," says Stephen. "... But if I wanted to find the answer, I would begin with how much I love you." [*Richard Osman's 4th Thursday Murder Club Mystery*]

When we stop to think about purpose and what's really important, we usually come back to our relationships, cherishing most those relationships characterised by love. So what is it about love that draws us?

The apostle John tells us (twice – 1 John 4:8 and 16) that God is love, and I wonder if there's a connection between the love-nature of God and the love-desire in our hearts (we are, after all, made in the image of God – Gen1:27)?

Richard of St Victor (C12<sup>th</sup>) argues that God's love can only be perfect if He is three persons: a person who loves; a person who is loved; a person who shares the love of the two. One person alone has no one to love; two persons' love is reciprocal; only with three persons does love become the truly perfect Divine love.

Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 1John4:8.

Raymond.

## Boys Brigade Meeting

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – 6pm, Church Centre

Newbury Boys Brigade is moving, and one possibility is that they come and be a part of Shaw Church. The PCC have meet with the Boys Brigade leaders and the general view is that this could be a good thing.

For the Boys Brigade to be a full part of our Church, we really need to be more involved than just letting them use the Church Centre.

Could you be involved in a small or not-so-small way?

Could you be a Boys Brigade Leader?

Could you be a Boys Brigade Helper? (1 week a month)

Would you lead Devotions 1 week a term?

Will you commit to praying for the Boys Brigade and their leaders?

Could you offer pastoral support to the Boys Brigade Leaders?

If your answer to any of these questions is 'yes' or 'maybe', please talk to Raymond and/or come to the meeting at 6pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June where we will discuss what we, as a church, are able to offer the Boys Brigade.

## Parish Administrator

St Mary's Church, Shaw cum Donnington

The PCC of St Mary's Church would like to appoint a part-time **Parish Administrator** to assist with: General Administration, Office and Premises Management, and Parish Communications.

Hours: 15 hr/wk (work pattern negotiable but should include Friday).

Place of Work: Shaw Church Office (located in the church)

You will need strong administrative, organisational and communication skills; pastoral sensitivity in person, on the phone and in emails; and be in sympathy with our aims and ethos. Familiarity with Church of England structures and practices would be an advantage.

This position will come into contact with children and/or vulnerable adults and as such due regard to the Church of England's Safeguarding guidance is required. An enhanced DBS check and appropriate safeguarding training will be required.

For more information and an application form, please contact the Rector, Revd Raymond Obin on 07810120117 or email raymond @ shawchurch.org

# Read Mark

Mark 8:31-9:1 (NIV)



<sup>31</sup> He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

<sup>34</sup> Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup> What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>38</sup> If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.”

9<sup>1</sup> And he said to them, “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come\* with power.”

## COINS – Pause and Pray

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington – Church Centre  
2pm Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Come and join members of the Christian community in Newbury to pause together and pray for our schools.

Refreshments provided please RSVP to [hello@coinsnewbury.org](mailto:hello@coinsnewbury.org)

## 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.***
- ***Our nursing home fellowship members, including Mary Taylor, Joan Lamonby, Sylvia Reed, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Mary Curtis***
- ***This week, the residents of Northwod Drive & Cavalier Close***
- ***That we will find a new Parish Administrator***
- ***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	27 <sup>th</sup>	<i>No Myrtle Café</i>			
Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	<i>No Meeting Point</i>			
Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Club	12:30 – 14:30	Church Centre	Ros
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer	09:15 – 10:00	Church	Raymond
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	Barnabas Group	10:00 – 12:00	Church Centre	Mary D
Thursday	30 <sup>th</sup>	Myrtle Connect	19:30	Church Centre	David Willetts
Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Prayer Breakfast	9:00 – 10:00	Church Centre	Ros

## Next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024

10:00 am Holy Communion

Leader: EY Sermon: RO

Stewards: Wendy & Lesley A

Sound/Visuals: Mike/Rachel

Readings: Romans 13:1-7 (Judith)

Mark 12:13-17 (Lesley A)

Café: Libby & Gina