



Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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26th April 2026

10:00 am Morning Prayer

Lead: RO Sermon: RO

A/V Heather & Steve J

Stewards: Mary D & Jane Y

Welcome, Notices

SoF 1601 When a Knight won his spurs

Confession

Reading1: 1Cor15:29-34 (Mary D)

MP 14 All Heaven Declares

Reading2: Matt 16:21-28 (Heather)

Sermon

MP 1341 O God beyond all Praising.

Creed (Apostles)

Intercessions: (Jane Y)

MP 237 Holy Holy, Holy.

Blessing.

Church Café: Karen & Wendy

Collect (Easter 4)

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:

raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Patron Saint

It was St George's day this week. The patron Saint of England (and of Georgia, and soldiers, among other things), whose cross is the centre of our national and union flags. The hagiographies are varied and often contain 'embellishments', but that's not the point. St George is known for two things: holding on to his faith in Christ in the face of torture and death and slaying the dragon (the earliest records of the dragon are 600 years after George's martyrdom on 23rd April AD 303).

I wonder what would happen if we defined our national values in the light of our patron saint? What would English Values be if they were properly inspired by St George. Let go of the flesh and fire-breathing-blood of mythical beasts and consider the metaphorical dragons of today. Dragons get their own way by force and fear; dragon slayers free the dragon-oppressed, prepared to put themselves in jeopardy if need be, standing firm in the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ which truly sets people free.

Combining the fighter and martyr aspects of St George, we can be inspired to a character that stands on truth and righteousness, is protected by faith and salvation, an that wields "the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God." (Eph 6:17).

Raymond

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 Almond Avenue & Poplar Place**

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 and she will circulate your request.

What's on in the coming week:

Monday	27 th April	Myrtle Community Café	10.30 - 12:30	Church Centre	DW
Tuesday	28 th	Meeting Point	9.45 - 11:15	Church Centre	Libby
		Lunch Club	12.00 – 14.00	Church Centre	Ros
Wednesday	29 th	Morning Prayer	9.15	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10.00 - 12:00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Boys Brigade and Girls Association	18.15 - 19.45	Church Centre	
Saturday	2 nd May	Prayer Breakfast	9:00 – 10:00	Church Centre	
Sunday	3 rd	Holy Communion	10.00 - 1100	Church	Raymond

Next Sunday 3rd May: 10:00 Holy Communion

Leader: Raymond Speaker: Marion de Quidt

Stewards Sally & Lesley A

A/V Heather & Steve J LCA/CA : Rachel / Raymond

Reading 1: 1Cor15:35-49 Paul

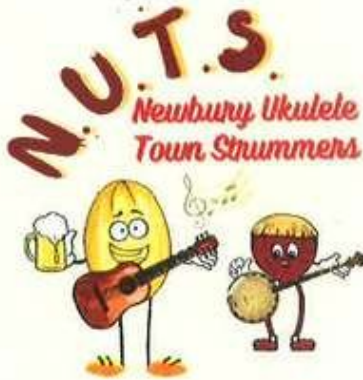
Reading 2: Matt 27:50-56 Lesley A

Intercessions: Libby Church Cafe: 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





*Tea/coffee +
cake in the
interval*

*Free entry –
donations very
welcome*

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Saturday 2nd May at 3pm

Sing along with N.U.T.S

at St Mary's Church Shaw-cum-Donnington

Family News

It is with sadness we share with those who don't already know that Gill Moore has died.

Gill's funeral will be here at St Mary's at 11:30am on Tuesday 5th May.

Gill was a faithful servant of the Lord, and a valued member of our community. Her cheerful smile and peaceful manner reflected her love for the Lord and for his people. We will miss her, but we know the God of Resurrection has her safely in his hands now.

Green tip

Water plants in the early morning or evening to conserve water (and don't forget water for birds and butterflies).