



St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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26th July – 10am Holy Communion

Lead & Sermon: Raymond

A/V Jacob & Steve J

Stewards: Libby & ?

Welcome, Notices

MP 327 Immortal invisible (v1245=1)

Confession

Reading 1: Luke 18:35-42 (Jane O)

MP And can it be (v1234)

Reading 2: 2Sam6:1-23 (Janet S)

Psalms 18 (also 2Sam22)

Sermon

MP 266 I cannot tell (v124)

Creed (Apostles)

Offering Prayer

Intercessions (Libby)

Collect Trinity 8

MP 465 Meekness and Majesty

Blessing.

Church Café: Corinne & Judith

Collect (Trinity+8)

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake:

when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Holy Mystery

Do you like a good whodunnit? A battle of wits between the writer and the reader – with joy for both when the crime is solved and the reader can see all the clues were there but wasn't able to join the dots before the 'reveal' at the end.

John Fowles wrote a whodunnit where the 'who' was never revealed. Nor the 'how'. But then, why should everything be explained? Or be explainable? In *The Enigma*, the mystery dissolves because everyone loses interest – leaving the impression that, without the diversions, the mystery could have been solved.

It's one of humankind's proud boasts: we feel that, if we search long enough and hard enough, we will be able to understand and explain (and control!)

Agur, who wrote the penultimate chapter of Proverbs, talks about three things too amazing, four not understood: flying, slithering, floating and seducing Proverbs 30:18f.

In some fields, creative thinking and hard work can explain; but God will always be a holy mystery. A truly wise man will recognise this: "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:9.

Raymond

Mark Hutson

Marks Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday 4th August 10.30am here at St Marys
Please continue to pray for Mary, Louise and Chris

Audrey Webster

Please continue to pray for Audreys family. Her Funeral will take place on Thursday 30th July
3.30pm at West Berkshire Crematorium

LUNCH CLUB for Children

A reminder that Bridge Church hold their Lunch Club during school Holidays.
In July the date is 30th (10:30am – 12:30pm). If you want a Flyer to pass on,
there are some at the back of the church

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

- 1. Pray with and for Tearfund** <http://www.tearfund.org/get-involved/pray/sign-up-to-prayer-updates>
- 2. Support Tearfund Forgotten Crises Appeal** <https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/forgotten-crises-appeal>

You can also give by cheque made payable to Tearfund and send it with a covering note including your name and address to Tearfund, 100 Church Road, Teddington, Middlesex, TW11 8QE

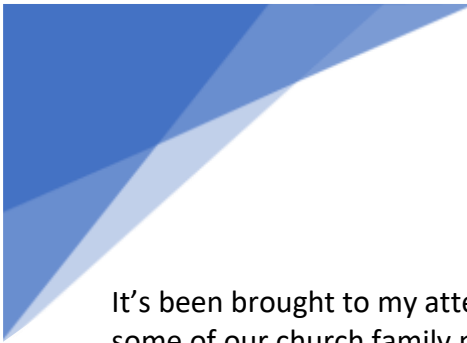
3. Can you give extra food to West Berks Foodbank for their Hungry Holidays scheme? (in church or at supermarkets). This provides free-school-meals families with groceries and support through the summer holidays. **Monetary donations also welcome.** Online or pay in Lloyds Bank, Newbury: Sort Code 77-95-05 West Berks Foodbank: Account No. 72784660. Or send a cheque payable to West Berks Foodbank to: The Treasurer, West Berks Foodbank, 21 Liberty House, Greenham Business Park, Thatcham, RG19 6HS.

More about the scheme at <https://westberks.foodbank.org.uk/2026/06/15/hungry-holidays-supporting-families-when-it-matters-most/>

Libby (01635 30719 or libby.goldsack@btinternet.com)

Green Tip

Run off the cold lead-in water to a shower into a bucket and use it to water plants or fill bird and butterfly water trays.



It's been brought to my attention that some of our church family may not be able to access the weekly new sheets online. I want to make sure no one misses out on what is happening in our church community. If you or someone you know, would appreciate receiving a fortnightly or monthly news update through the post instead of email, please let me know I am very happy to arrange this so that everyone stays included and connected. Thank you for helping us make sure our whole church family is cared for.
Warm regards
Christine

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, Angie Mackoon & family.*
- *Our nursing home fellowship members, including Joan Lamonby, Chris Fenwick,
Pat Lee, Mansour Afshari.*
- *For the Boys’ Brigade and Girls Association*
- *Residents of Avon Way & Hopwood Close*
- *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.

Wednesday	29 th	Morning Prayer	9:15-10:00	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10:00	Church Centre	Mary D
Sunday	2 nd August	Holy Communion	10:00	Church	Raymond

Next Sunday, 2nd Aug 10am
Holy Communion
Leader: Raymond / Sermon: Rev Geoff Sowden

A/V Ollie & Mike
LCA & CA: Sally & Rachel
Reading 1: Prov 10:15-25 Judith
Café: Julie & David

Stewards: Jane S & Lesley
Intercessions: Mary D
Reading 2: Luke 5:27-31 Lesley

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

