



St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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27th October

Morning Prayer w/ Baptism

Lead: Ed

A/V: Steve J / Mike S

Stewards: Lesley A / Charles

This morning, we welcome Freya Willacy form baptism.

Welcome & Notices

RB180 Thou whose almighty word

Presentation of Fraya Willacy for Baptism

MP1350 Speak O Lord

1 Peter 1:22-2:5 (Gill)

Anthem O Wonderful, Wonderful Word

Mark 12:28-34 (Barbara)

Sermon

MP243 How firm a foundation

Baptism

Intercessions (Libby) and Lord's Prayer

RB509 Rise and hear the Lord is speaking!

Blessing

Church Café

Nick and Sally

Collect Last Sunday after Trinity

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.

Word for the Week

This week, the Church is celebrating Bible Sunday. But what is the Bible actually for – what's the point of it?

There are many answers to that question, but one of the most important is that the Bible teaches us how to love. In our Gospel reading today (Mark 12:28-34), Jesus tells us that the greatest commandments in the Old Testament are, firstly, that we love God with all our hearts and secondly, that we love our neighbours as our selves.

But the Bible doesn't just command us to love and leave us to get on with it. It also empowers us to love by drawing us into its story. As we reflect on the love God showed to us in Christ – the love that led Jesus to die for us on the cross – we see at its deepest level what true love looks like. The more we grasp that this love has been shown *to us*, the more we are reshaped by it so as to love God and those around us. Our ingrained selfishness is broken down by the saving love of God revealed in the Bible.

Ed

The COINS Pause and Pray

'Pause and Pray' planning event at St Mary's on 7th November from 10 to 12. Come along to find out more about, and pray for, the work of COINS.

Sunday 27th October 2024

Thank you, those who have offered to provide a cake for this afternoon's Bereavement Service.

Many thanks, Mary Dawkins for the Pastoral Team

Newbury Cancer Care Calendars 2025 are now available

Please see Maggie in the church office (Tue/Wed/Fri, 9am-2pm).

Price: £10 – All proceeds to Newbury Cancer Care.

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 on link in Remote Action or take a leaflet from church. Please follow instructions carefully as they need specific items and packing. Boxes need to be in church by 8 November, loose items by 3 November.



Our foodbank relies on your goodwill and support.

Drop-off locations & latest lists:
(and links to the Foodbank App!)

<https://westberks.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Monetary donations also gratefully received online

Urgently needed

- Lunchbox individual fruit juice
- Wet Wipes
- Shaving foam
- Tinned Vegetables
- Variety pack cereal
- Tinned tomatoes/passata
- Tin Meat Meals -

Low on Stock

- Tinned Fruit
- Honey
- Custard/Rice Pudding
- Long Life Sponge Puddings
- Tinned Soup
- Size 4 and 8



Read Mark 15:1-15 (NIV)

¹ Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, made their plans. So they bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.

² “Are you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate.

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

³ The chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴ So again Pilate asked him, “Aren't you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of.” ⁵ But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.

⁶ Now it was the custom at the festival to release a prisoner whom the people requested. ⁷ A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. ⁸ The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

⁹ “Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate, ¹⁰ knowing it was out of self-interest that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas* instead.

¹² “What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?” Pilate asked them.

¹³ “Crucify him!” they shouted.

¹⁴ “Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

¹⁵ Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

Save The Date!

Saturday 16th November 2024

tearfund big quiz in the Church centre.

An annual quiz to raise funds for their work transforming communities across the world and enabling them to lift themselves out of poverty.

St. Mary's is joining the quiz this year. Teams of up to 6 people (or come on your own and join/form a team on the day). More information to follow. Any questions? Ask Ros, Libby, or any of the World Partners team.



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, Geoffrey Keegan, Brian Eaton.**
- **Our nursing home fellowship members, including Mary Taylor, Joan Lamonby, Sylvia Reed, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Mary Curtis**
- **For the Boys' Brigade**
- **This week, the residents of 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 and she will circulate your request.

What's on this week:

Monday	28 th	Myrtle Café	12:00-14:30	Church Centre	David Willets
Tuesday	29 th	Meeting Point	No meeting	Half term	Libby
Wednesday	30 th	Morning Prayer	09:15-10:00	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10:00-12:00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Boys' Brigade	No meeting	Half term	Ed
Saturday	2 nd	Prayer Breakfast	9:00	Church	Ros

This Afternoon, 27th October 2025

3:00 pm Bereavement service

Tea will be served in the Church Centre after the service.

Next Sunday, 3rd November 2024

10:00 am Holy Communion
Leader: Raymond
Stewards: Rachel, Wendy
Sound: Mike S Visuals Steve J
Reading: Colossians 1:1-8 (Steve)
Luke 9:18-27 (Judith)

Intercessions: Jane Y
HC Assistants: Rachel & Ed
Café: Charles & Lesley

Green tip

Make the most of your radiators - put reflective foil behind them, move your sofa away so it doesn't block the heat, consider individual thermostatic valves.

Meeting Point

29 Oct HALF TERM - NO MEETING
 5 Nov Preparation of Christmas shoeboxes for Eastern Europe
 contact Libby: tel: 01635 30719or by email: libby.goldsack@btinternet.com