



Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington
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27th September 10am
Morning Prayer Harvest

Lead/Sermon: Raymond/Mary Rye

A/V Mike & Wendy

Stewards: Ros & Sally

Welcome, Notices

RB 289 Come, ye thankful people

Reading Genesis 8:15-22(Diana)

MP 200 Great is thy Faithfulness

Psalms 67

Anthem: Thou Visitest the Earth (Greene)

Reading Mark 4 26-33 (Barbara)

Sermon

RB 457 For the fruits of his creation

Creed (Apostles)

Intercessions: Mary D

Collect (Trinity 1)

RB 290 We plough the fields

Blessing

Church Café: Rachel & Corinne

Collect (Trinity 17)

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labours of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Seedtime and Harvest

God promises Noah that seedtime and harvest will not pass away. God's faithfulness is at the core of this festival.

Farming is an exercise of faith. The seeds are planted in the ground and remain unseen for months. The growing process is happening even though we cannot see it. When we pray, we are placing our trust in a God who created life and has promised this will continue until the end of the world. We cannot always see what is happening, but we can trust he is working. If this is the case, we can pray with confidence.

What if we were to really actively trust that God hears us even when nothing appears to be happening?

The bible uses the word for seed to describe, plants, human offspring, the word of God and Jesus himself.

We can confidently pray to the Lord of the Harvest for our church and for our community.

Mary

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

1. Give Harvest gifts to the West Berks Food Bank which provides emergency food and practical support to local people in their hardest moments, works with local partners to get people the right help, so they are less likely to need the foodbank again, and is part of a UK-wide community of food banks working together with Trussell Trust to ensure no one needs a food bank to survive. **Bring to church this Sunday** or put in your supermarket donation box. List of most needed items; tinned meats, tea, cereal bars, fruit juice, instant noodles, jam/honey, sugar, non-bio washing powder, anti-bac spray, deodorant.

2. Support Christian Aid Harvest Appeal: the climate crisis is making it harder than ever for families to grow food. In countries like South Sudan, flooding and unpredictable seasons are destroying harvests, leaving farming families struggling to feed their children. Help Christian Aid to protect their land, strengthen their livelihoods and plant seeds of hope for the future. **Collection in church 27 September** or use QR code on posters, use link below or call 0333 555 1060 to donate over the phone

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/harvest-appeal>

3. Fairtrade Fortnight: stock up on fairness (and scroll to see what offers are around) <https://www.fairtrade.net/uk-en/get-involved/support-fairtrade/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight/fairtrade-fortnight-2026-stock-up-with-fairness.html>

Demand business that's fair to people and planet - sign the petition <https://action.fairtrade.org.uk/page/186243/petition/1?>

Libby Goldsack 01635 30719 or libby.goldsack@btinternet.com



NEWBURY DEANERY
Diocese of Oxford

Dear Friends

The Growing Leaders course is a highly popular, in-depth Christian leadership development program developed by James Lawrence and published through the Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS).

The primary goal of the course is to help local churches grow effectively by cultivating healthy, Christ-centered, and sustainable leadership.

Saturday 10th October

Mondays 19th October, 2nd November, 7th December Saturday 9th January

Mondays 1st February, 1st March, 12th April, 17th May

At St Lawrences Church, Hungerford RG17 0JB

09:30 - 15:30 19:30-21:30 09:30 - 15:30 19:30-21:30

Contact office@newbury-deanery-team.org.uk or Vicar@StLawrencesHungerford.org.uk to register

Many thanks

Sukie Benney

Deanery Secretary



Green tip

Fairtrade = environmentally friendly. There are environmental stipulations for growers of products with the Fairtrade mark.

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, Arthur Marshall.*
- *For the Boys' Brigade and Girls Association*
- *Residents of Wyndham Rd, Sorrel Close, Fennel Close, Audley Close & Clay hill Crescent*
- *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.

Monday	28 th Sept	Myrtle Community Cafe	10.30 – 12.00	Church Centre	David
Tuesday	29 th	Meeting Point	9.45-11.15	Church Centre	Libby
Wednesday	30 th	Morning Prayer	9:15-10:00	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10:00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association	18.15-19.45	Church/Centre	Jane O
Thursday	1 st Oct	Home Members Harvest Lunch & Service	12.30	Church Centre	Mary D

Next Sunday 4th Oct 26, 10am Holy Communion Leader / Sermon Raymond

A/V: Olly & Steve J

Stewards: Mary D & Wendy

Reading 1: 1Jn2:3-14 (Paul)

Reading 2: Matt 17:1-13 (Judith)

LCA & CA : TBC

Intercessions: Karen

Café: Libby & Julie

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



Scan to give to Shaw Church