



Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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5th Sunday of Easter

28th April

Leader: Raymond Steward: Sally

AV: Mike S, Rachel

Welcome & Notices

MP431 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour (v1,3,4,5)

Confession and Absolution

Reading Romans 11:11-24 (George)

MP792 You are the vine

Reading John 15:1-8 (Lesley A)

Sermon (Ed)

MP507 O Lord our God, how majestic is your name

Creed (Apostles')

Intercessions (David W)

Lord's Prayer

Collect

MP 315 I will sing the wondrous story

Blessing

Church Café

Nick and Sally

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Without him we can do nothing!

Both our passages of Scripture this week (John 15:1-8 and Romans 11:11-24) are based on horticultural metaphors. I'm not much of a gardener myself, but both of them are really helpful for showing us the dependent nature of the Christian life.

In John, Jesus describes himself as the vine and us as the branches. We need to abide in him, draw our life from him, bear fruit through our union with him, because without him we can do nothing. In Romans, the people of God and their covenant relationship with God are likened to an olive tree into which Gentiles have, rather surprisingly, been grafted. Again, we are reminded that we branches do not support the tree's root, it's the root that supports us.

One obvious application of this is to be humbled. Each of us (me included!) would be helpless and bereft without the life we receive in and through Christ and the sure promises God made to his ancient people. Once again, we see that salvation is pure gift. We have nothing at all to boast about – except God's marvellous kindness!

Ed

Read Mark

Mark 7:24-37 (NIVUK)



²⁴ Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. ²⁵ In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. ²⁶ The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

²⁷ 'First let the children eat all they want,' he told her, 'for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.'

²⁸ 'Lord,' she replied, 'even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.'

²⁹ Then he told her, 'For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.'

³⁰ She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹ Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³² There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

³³ After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spat and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, '*Ephphatha!*' (which means 'Be opened!'). ³⁵ At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosed and he began to speak plainly.

³⁶ Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷ People were overwhelmed with amazement. 'He has done everything well,' they said. 'He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.'

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

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WHAT'S THE BEST NEWS YOU'VE EVER HEARD?

3.00 - 5:00 pm Sunday 14th April 2024 – and the following 4 Sunday afternoons

If you've ever had questions or want to find out about Jesus for yourself come along to look at Mark's Gospel. You can listen along, you won't be asked to sing or pray.

Bring a friend with you if you like. If you have any questions, ask Ed (ed@shawchurch.org)

Tedesca Quartet at Shaw Church

4.00pm Sunday 28th April 2024 (TODAY!)

Haydn Quartet Op 76 No. 1 in G Major

Shostakovich Quartet No. 7 Op 108

Mendelssohn Quartet in E flat Major Op 12

For tickets and enquiries please contact:

Rachel Haslam on 07919555043 or rachel.haslam@ntlworld.com

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, Angie Mackoon.***
- ***Our nursing home fellowship members, including Mary Taylor, Joan Lamonby, Sylvia Reed, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Mary Curtis and Pat Troughton.***
- ***This week, the residents of Bennett Close, Bennett Gardens, Penrose Close & Lisle 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 and she will circulate your request.

What's on this week

Monday	29 th	Myrtle Café	12:00 –15:00	Church Centre	David Willetts
Tuesday	30 th	Meeting Point	09:45 –11:00	Church Centre	Libby
Tuesday	30 th	Daytime Homegroup	14:30-16:00	Church Centre	Ed
Wednesday	1 st	Morning Prayer	09:15 –10:00	Church	Raymond
Wednesday	1 st	Barnabas Group	10:00 –12:00	Church Centre	Mary D
Wednesday	1 st	Flower Club	13:30-16:00	Church Centre	Mary D
Saturday	4 th	Prayer Breakfast	08:00-10:00	Church Centre	Ros

Next Sunday 5th May 2024

10:00 am Holy Communion LCA: Wendy Sound/Visuals: Mike/Steve J

Leader: RO Sermon: RO

Stewards: Libby

Readings: Rom12:1-21 (Karen)

Matt 28:16-20 (Judith)

Intercessions: Wendy

Café: Charles and Lesley

Christian Aid Week 12 to 19 May

Can you help? You could:

Deliver donation envelopes

Use your address for return of donations

Supply or buy plants on 12 May after morning service

Bake for cake sale or buy on 19 May after morning service

Please let Libby know if you can help - in person or via

libby.goldsack@btinternet.com or 01635 30719