



## Welcome to St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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## Welcome to St. Mary's Shaw cum Donnington!

**Sunday 28th January 2024**

**10:00am** Morning Prayer

**The Righteousness of the Lord**

Epiphany 4

Leader: Raymond Speaker: Ed

Stewards: Mark and Libby

Welcome and notices

**MP164 From the Sun's rising**

Confession & Absolution

Mark 1: 21-28 Lesley A

**MP1143 Your love is amazing**

Isaiah 59: George

Sermon: Ed

**MP1209 My heart is filled**

Apostles Creed

Prayers: David Willetts

The Lord's Prayer

The Collect

**MP238 Holy, Holy**

Closing blessing

Invitation to

church café

Church Café: Wendy and Gill



## Word for the week -

### What do we want God to do?

Sometimes, when we look at the state of the world, or think about something that's going on in our community, we find ourselves asking "Why on earth doesn't God do something?" It's a question that's asked many times, by many people, in many different situations, throughout the Bible. The Psalms and the books of the prophets in particular come back to it again and again. So God knows that it's a question we struggle with.

But it's worth asking ourselves what exactly we want God to do. What kind of action on God's part would set the world right? And what would happen to us today if he did it? Our passage from Isaiah this week (chapter 59) is one of many that lays out what God plans to do to restore justice to the world. It's a vision both of judgement and of salvation and not all of it makes for easy reading. But the closer we look at it, the more it becomes clear that God's judgement is part of his promise of salvation. We can't have one without the other.

Ed

## Easter is early this year.

Ash Wednesday, which makes the beginning of Lent is on 14<sup>th</sup> February, and we will begin our Lent Course here with Holy Communion at 10:30am. We are going to be looking at Paul's letter to the Romans as we journey through Lent, guided by Andrew Ollerton's book "Romans, A Letter that Makes Sense of Life". If you'd like a copy (£16.99), please let Raymond or Ed know and we'll get one for you. The Lent Course will continue on Tuesday Evenings, 7:30pm in the Church Centre, each week reflecting more deeply on the previous Sunday's material. Final part of the Lent Course will be a Maundy Thursday service of Holy Communion as we reflect on Paul's conclusion that our only hope is to be rescued and the rescuer is Jesus Christ. I do hope you will be able to join in the full programme is:

**4th Feb 10am** Romans 16:1-24  
*The Gospel is about People*  
**11th Feb 10am** Romans 1:1-17  
*Romans is for the Faithful*  
**14th Feb 10:30** Romans 1:24-31  
*Sin in our Actions* **Ash Wednesday**  
**18th Feb 10am** Romans 2:1-15  
*Sin in our Attitudes*  
**20th Feb 19:30**  
*Lent Course*  
**25th Feb 10am** Romans 3:21-31  
*Justified by Faith*  
**27th Feb 19:30**  
*Lent Course*  
**3rd Mar 10am** Romans 4:1-25  
*Living by Faith*  
**5th Mar 19:30**  
*Lent Course*  
**10th Mar 10am** Romans 5:1-11  
*Peace with God* **Mothering Sunday**  
**12th Mar 19:30**  
*Lent Course*  
**17th Mar 10am** Romans 5:12-21  
*Peace for you* **APCM follows morning service**  
**19th Mar 19:30**  
*Lent Course*  
**24th Mar 10am** Romans 6:1-23  
*Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ* **Palm Sunday**  
**28th Mar 19:30** Romans 7:1-25  
*Sin brings death* **Maundy Thursday**  
**29th Mar 2pm** **Good Friday**  
**31st Mar 10am** Romans 8:1-17  
*Resurrection means life*

## Date for your diaries

Slide Show By Paul Sievers

Saturday 17th February

2pm – 4pm in the church centre.



Madeiran images - a colourful show with a mixture of flowers, mountain scenery and local crafts.

Then after a short interval

Church floral arrangements during 2023

Followed by a macro quiz

Proceeds will go to the new Lychgate railings

## Your invitation to a Reminiscence Afternoon

Tuesday 6 February 2024 from 2.30 to 4.00 pm in the church centre

Transport available if needed. Ring Libby on 30719 or email [libby.goldsack@btinternet.com](mailto:libby.goldsack@btinternet.com)

Come and share your (or your family's) memories of **Spring customs** (Valentine's Day, Lent, Mothering Sunday, Easter etc) or listen to other people's, over a cup of tea and biscuits.

All welcome - do please bring your friends.

## St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

### 200 Club

New members of the 200 Club are always welcome. We are aiming to double our membership in 2024 so please contact the church office, Mary Dawkins, or Rachel Haslam if you would like to take part. The next draw will take place on

**TODAY**

## Read Mark

Mark 2: 23-3:6

### Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath

23 One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. 24 The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?"

25 He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? 26 In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions."

27 Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. 28 So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

### Jesus Heals on the Sabbath

3 Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. 2 Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. 3 Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Stand up in front of everyone."

4 Then Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they remained silent.

5 He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. 6 Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.



## St Mary's Flower Club

Next Meeting

Wednesday 7th February

See Mary Dawkins  
for details



### Meeting Point

Time together for you and your little ones  
9.45 to 11.15 am on Tuesdays in term  
time (refreshments from 9.15)

Small, informal, friendly group - all in one  
room . Chat, discussions etc for adults

Play and crafts with little ones

Carpet time and singing for everyone

Come along to any meeting, but if you  
would like more details,

contact Libby on 01635 30719

or [libby.goldsack@btinternet.com](mailto:libby.goldsack@btinternet.com)

### January 2024

30 Jan Discussion

6 Feb Valentines/*Fledglings*

13 Feb Half Term **No meeting**

20 Feb Lent

27 Feb Book recommendations

5 Mar Mothering crafts  
and *Fledglings*

12 Mar Motherhood

19 Mar Easter crafts

26 Mar The Easter Story (interactive)



**Green tip** Recycling reminder - blister packs can be recycled at Donnington Grove Vets in Oxford St, Donnington and GKG Vets in St John's Road. Soft plastics/crisp packets etc taken to Co-op or Waitrose actually get recycled in Britain. Pots/trays, tetra packs etc and "small electrics" need to be recycled at the tip or mini recycling centres (Hungerford and Thatcham). Waitrose takes tetra packs and coffee cups. None of these items can go in kerb side recycling.



## The Collect for Epiphany 4

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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## 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 Sally in the office know.

- ◇ Cynthia Lane, Mark Hutson, Ruth Fisher, Sue Povey, June Milsom, and Angie Mackoon.
- ◇ Our nursing home fellowship members, including Mary Taylor, Joan Lamonby, Sylvia Reed, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Pat Troughton and Mary Curtis.
- ◇ This week, the residents of Shaw Hill, Lampacres, Monica Gardens and The Dolmans
- ◇ 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](mailto:libby.goldsack@btinternet.com) and she will circulate your request.*

## Things taking place this week 29 Jan - 3rd Feb 2024

Monday	29	12:30-15:00	Myrtle Cafe	Centre	David
		14:30-16:00	Steering Group meeting	Centre	Raymond
Tuesday	30	09:45-11:15	Meeting Point	Centre	Libby
		14:00-16:00	Bible Study	Centre	Ed
		19:00-21:00	Bible Study	Rectory	Ed
Wednesday	31	09:00-10:00	Midweek Prayer	Church	Raymond
		10:30-12:00	Barnabas Group	Centre	Judith
Thursday	1	09:00-17:00	Art Classes	Centre	Booking
Friday	2	11:00-12:30	Little Steps	Centre	Booking
		11:00-13:00	Bridge Church leaders	Centre	Booking
		18:45-20:00	Bells for Sally! 1/4 peal	Church	See Sally
Saturday	3	09:00-10:00	Prayer Breakfast	Centre	Ros

## Next Sunday 4th February Lent –2

**10:00am** Holy Communion The Gospel is about People

Leader: Raymond Speaker: Raymond Stewards: Ros and Mary D Prayers: Mary D

Romans 16:1-24 Sally 2nd Reading tbc Judith

Church Café: Libby & Gina