



Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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28th July Trinity 9

Morning Worship - with Baptism

Leader: *Ed* Stewards: *Mary H, Libby*
A/V: *Heather/Steve J*

Welcome & Notices

Hymn MP631 Tell out my soul

Presentation of Baptism Candidates,
Mabel and Maya Banbury

Profession of Faith (All)

John 6:1-15 (Lesley A)

All-Age Talk (Raymond)

Hymn MP1025 All who are thirsty

Baptism (Ed)

Hymn MP1072 In Christ Alone

Intercessions (David Willetts)

The Lord's Prayer

Collect

RB214 Guide me O thou Great Redeemer

Giving a candle & Blessing

Church Café

Lesley A & Gill

Collect

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit, you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.

Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Ministers' Weekly

Why follow Jesus?

Last month was the centenary of George Mallory's failed attempt to climb Mount Everest. While touring the USA, drumming up support, he was asked by reporters 'Why?' Well, why would you want to climb a mountain where the air is too thin to breathe, and the temperature gets up to about -10°C on a warm summer afternoon?

His answer, first printed in the New York Times in 1923, has become the mountaineers' motto: "Because it's there."

Many of us do things instinctively (it felt right), or reflexively (it was obvious) or responsively (I had to do something).

But I suspect there are some things we do for a considered reason – a choice, my choice.

Following Jesus is a choice we make, and I wonder what you'd say if I asked you why? It's not good enough to say 'because my parents did' or 'because the church was there'.

People in the Bible answer this question:

Peter: You have the words of eternal life
(John 6:68)

The no-longer blind man: I was blind, but now I see (John 9:25)

Paul: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. (2 Corinthians 5:19)

I wonder what your answer would be?

Raymond

Parish Outing to Waterperry Gardens

Wheatley, Oxford

Including 5pm worship in the ancient Saxon church of St Mary the Virgin



On Sunday 8th September

Outward departure from Shaw: 1:15pm for 1:30pm.

Return departure 6.15pm for 6.30pm.

Coach fare plus group entry £22.00 per person.



Sign-up sheet at the rear of the church.



The team continue to ask for our **help with restocking**, particularly for the **Hungry Holidays scheme** (parcels given to families of children receiving free school meals, given at the end of term).
Thankyou.



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, at the website.

Urgently Needed, this week **28/7:**

- Biscuits
- Shampoo, shower gel, deodorant
- Tinned vegetables
- Confectionery, sweets & treats
- Tinned soup or Cup-a-Soup
- Instant coffee
- Cereal or cereal bars

*Well Stocked, NO MORE REQUIRED, thankyou:
Baked Beans, Pasta*

Low on Stock:

- UHT Milk – full fat or semi-skimmed
- Long life fruit juice
- Squash drinks
- Tinned fruit
- Ketchup
- Size 2 Nappies
- Long-life sponge puddings
- Tinned custard or rice puddings
- Dried milk or Marvel
- Mug shots or Pot Noodles

Green tip

In warm weather, keep a jug or re-useable water-bottle of water in fridge instead of running tap cold or buying bottled water.

Read Mark

Mark 11:12-25 (NIV)



Jesus Curses a Fig Tree and Clears the Temple Courts

¹² The next day as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry. ¹³ Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to find out if it had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing but leaves, because it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴ Then he said to the tree, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard him say it.

¹⁵ On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, ¹⁶ and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. ¹⁷ And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.' "

¹⁸ The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching.

¹⁹ When evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.

²⁰ In the morning, as they went along, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots. ²¹ Peter remembered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered!"

²² "Have faith in God," Jesus answered. ²³ "Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. ²⁴ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. ²⁵ And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."

Save The Date

Heritage Open Days

Saturday 14th September
– new findings about the history of Donnington Castle and its occupants

Venue - St Mary's Church, Shaw,
ending at the castle.

The Filling Station is an informal way to express the Christian faith through celebration meetings created to boost the community spiritually. Each month we have a guest speaker, live band and a team on hand for prayers. Come for a spiritual top up and bring others you'd like to bless with the same.



DOWNLAND MEETINGS 2024

Sept 19- Caroline Whitehead Minister at KCC, Hospital Chaplain and former missionary.

Come relax, refresh and refuel.

EVERY 3rd THURSDAY (exc Aug & Dec) FREE ENTRY
Hampstead Norreys Village Hall
RG18 0TR

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LISTEN AGAIN at our Downland Filling Station YouTube channel



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.**
- **Our nursing home fellowship members, including Mary Taylor, Joan Lamonby, Sylvia Reed, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Mary Curtis**
- **This week, the residents of Avon Way & Hopwood Close.**
- **For Mabel and Maya Banbury, baptised today, and their parents and godparents, family and friends.**
- **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:

Wednesday	31 st	Morning Prayer	09:15 –10:00	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10:00 –12:00	Church Centre	Mary D

Note there will not be a Prayer Breakfast this Saturday, for August. Back on Saturday 7th September.

Next Sunday, 4th August 2024

10:00 am Holy Communion Trinity 10

Leader: Ed

Stewards: Charles, Janet S Sound/Visuals: Heather / Steve J

LCA: Wendy Intercessions: Wendy

Readings: *Isaiah 35:1-10 (Karen)*
 John9 (Judith)

Café: Libby & Gina

Meeting Point is taking a summer break until Tuesday 10th September

when you can join us to have time together for you & 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 & crafts with little ones. Carpet time & singing for everyone.

Come along to any meeting, or for more details over the summer, contact Libby on: tel: 01635 30719 or by email: libby.goldsack@btinternet.com