



Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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29th March 2026

10:00 am Morning Prayer

Lead: EY Sermon: EY

A/V Ollie/Jacob & Mike S

Stewards: Libby & Janet S

PALM PROCESSION

Welcome, Notices

RB 61 Ride on Rode on in Majesty (Omit v3)

Confession

MP 790 You are the King of Glory

Reading 2 Cor 5:1-10 (Heather)

Anthem: Peace, Perfect Peace

Reading Matt 21:1-11 (Barbara)

Sermon

RB 459 Give me joy

Creed (Apostles)

Intercessions: Jane Y

Lord's prayer

RB 60 All glory, Laud and honour (Omit starred)

Blessing.

Church Café: Nick & Sally

Collects (for Palm Sunday)

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human
race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh and to suffer
death upon the cross:

grant that we may follow the example of his
patience and humility,
and also, be made partakers of his resurrec-
tion. Through 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

A Statement Entrance

With the Oscars ceremony two weeks ago, the film and TV awards season came to an end for another year. While the major winners and losers vary year on year and between the different awards ceremonies, there is one constant that everyone attending the ceremony knows about: the importance of making an entrance. Sometimes a statement outfit for the red carpet will get more column inches, and linger longer in the memory, than the actual winners themselves.

In our Gospel reading for this Sunday, the story of Jesus nears its climax. He finally makes his entrance into Jerusalem. There is tremendous excitement: a huge crowd, royal honours, a distinctive carpet, mass interest. But Jesus makes a statement of his own amid the hubbub. By riding in on a donkey's colt, Jesus highlights the gentleness of his coming reign. Though he is the King of Kings, he rides not a mighty charger, but a borrowed donkey. One day, all nations will serve him, but he has not come as a warrior about to conquer the world. The Easter story we are about to enter into once more is far stranger, and more wonderful, than that.

Ed

Amen.

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, Mark Hutson, Cynthia Lane, June Milsom, Maggie Wiseman**
- **Our nursing home fellowship members, including Joan Lamonby, Chris Fenwick, Pat Lee, Mansour Afshari.**
- **For the Boys' Brigade and Girls Association**



Residents of Donnington Village, Abberbury Close & Groombridge

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 in the coming week:

Monday	30th	Myrtle Community Cafe	10:30 - 12:30	Church Centre	David
Tuesday	31st	Easter Home Members Service	14.00 - 16.00	Church Centre	RO
Wednesday	1 st April	Morning Prayer	9.15	Church	RO
		Barnabas Group	10.00 - 12:00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Flower Club	13.30 - 16.00	Church Centre	Mary D
Thursday	2nd	Make Lunch	09.00 -13-30	Church Centre	
		Maundy Thursday Service	19.30-20.45	Church	
Friday	3rd	Good Friday Service	14.00-15.00	Church	
Saturday	4th	Easter Kids	10.00-12.00		
		Florists Decorating Church	12.00-17.00	Church	
Sunday	5th	Holy Communion	10.00	Church	

Watership Brass Concert

7.30pm 11th April 2026

St Johns Church Newbury. **Admission Free**

Special guests

DeBrasserie Band from Ypres Belgium.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who came to help with the spring clean on Thursday. Pews were polished, cobwebs and ladybirds (by the thousand!) were removed, and the Church looks a lot cleaner and brighter. Many hands really did make light work. Special thanks to David Wilson who also cleared the gutter above the Church centre door, and the downpipe, and re-fixed the high-level guttering which had come adrift.

Green tip Buy seasonal, local produce with as little packaging and plastic as possible when doing your Easter food shopping.

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

1. Support Christian Aid's Sudan Crisis Appeal Basket at the back of church Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday or <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/sudan-crisis-appeal>

2. Buy Fairtrade Easter eggs, chocs, & baking ingredients locally; Oxfam, Waitrose, M&S, Co-Op own (Sainsbury's for baking)

3. Earth Hour 8.30pm 28 March: give an hour for the earth

Bear witness to the climate and biodiversity crises by turning your lights/appliances off for the hour.

And/or do something to help the planet for an hour at a time of your choosing.

Find out more at <https://www.earthhour.org/>

Emergency collection for Christian Aid Sudan Crisis Appeal

There will be a basket at the back of church on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Save the Date

Easter Kids Sat 4th April 10am to 12pm See further details in this newsletter.

There will be no prayer breakfast in April as we are supporting Easter Kids

Watership Brass Concert Saturday 11th April 7.30 PM St Johns Church

Ukulele concert Saturday 18th April with N.U.T.S (Newbury Ukulele Town Strummers!) at 3.00pm in Church.

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

19:30 Holy Communion

Leader EY Speaker EY

Reading Matt 26:14-30

Good Friday 3rd April

14:00 Meditation

Leader RO Speaker RO

Next Sunday 5th April

10:00 Holy Communion

LCA: Sally CA: Raymond

Leader EY Speaker RO

Stewards: Wendy & Jane Y

A/V Steve J & Mike S

Reading 1: Acts 10:34-43/Paul

Reading 2: Matt 28:1-10 /Judith

Intercessions Sally

Church Cafe: 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/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 opposite. If you would like to give to the church regularly, please visit parishgiving.org.uk



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