



Knowing Jesus

Sharing God's Love

Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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29th September

Harvest

Harvest Thanksgiving

Lead: Ed; Preacher: Raymond

A/V: Mike S/ Steve J

Stewards: Rachel, Sally

Welcome & Notices

RB289 Come ye thankful people, come

Harvest Thanksgiving

Psalm 65 (Jane O)

For the Beauty of the Earth (Rutter)

Luke 12:13-21 (George)

Sermon

RB457 For the Fruits of his Creation

Thanksgiving for Florence Payne

**RB105 All Creatures of our God and King
vv1,2,3,4,7**

Intercessions (Mary D)

Lord's Prayer

Collect

RB290 We plough the fields and scatter

Giving of a Bible

Blessing

Church Café

Wendy and Karen

Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

Word for The Week: Harvest

Do you think I could be a farmer? I could buy a farm, and a tractor. I'm not sure about animals, but I could plough (with my tractor), sow (with my tractor), let things grow and then harvest. Jesus warned about building bigger barns, and that's OK – I'd be happy to share the harvest with you.

Of course, I'm assuming everything is as it should be: no mechanical break downs, enough sunshine, enough (but not too much) rain (or wind), no diseases or infestations, plants that grow well and yield 30, 60 or 100 times what was sown.

I know a few farmers, and I know it's not as easy as it sounds – they work hard, deal with things unexpected as well as things expected but unwelcome. And the result is food for the coming year for us all.

Harvest is an important festival in the church's calendar because it brings the focus onto God as our sustainer – the one who makes things grow, the one who sends the rain and the sun.

Harvest is vital for our daily lives. And the Bible also uses Harvest as a picture of what a fruitful life should be. The people harvest their food, and their God looks for a harvest – "the harvest of righteousness" 2 Cor 9:10. Raymond



In the run up to harvest can you add any of these items to your shopping this week, and leave them in the donation baskets on the way out?

Thankyou.

Drop-off locations & latest lists:
(and links to the Foodbank App!)

<https://westberks.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Harvest Appeal Top Ten

- Instant Coffee
- Tins of soup, meat and fruit
- Tinned Vegetables
- Rice
- Rice Pudding
- Dried milk
- Biscuits
- UHT milk
- Shaving foam
- Sugar



Myrtle Community Café

Myrtle Community Café meets at St Mary's Church Centre every Monday from noon until 2.30 pm (except for Bank Holidays) and provides a friendly and inclusive welcome. Come along for a lunchtime chat over soup, roll and cake, and join in with various activities supporting our Community at Shaw.



The Myrtle Community Café also has internet facilities and can help signpost ways to find specialist information, advice, and support.

Green tip

Eat seasonally and locally from the abundance of harvest-time fruit and vegetables.

Read Mark

Mark 14:32-42 (NIV)

³²They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. ³⁴"My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch."

³⁵Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. ³⁶"*Abba*, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

³⁷Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Couldn't you keep watch for one hour? ³⁸Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

³⁹Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. ⁴⁰When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.

⁴¹Returning the third time, he said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

CTNA Community Christmas Day

CTNA are again holding this event at St. George's Church Hall, with grateful thanks to them for allowing us to use their excellent premises.

This could not take place without willing volunteers who give up this special day to spend with elderly people who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day. It is a rewarding day of fun, entertainment and good food, as we joyfully celebrate our Saviour's birthday with carol singing, entertainment and a short message by one of our church leaders.

For more information about the kinds of volunteers CTNA are looking for, see the longer notice in the Pew Sheet email or contact Joanna Abraham by email at marinaoabraham@gmail.com or by telephone on 07828244119.

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, Geoffrey Keegan, Brian Eaton.**
- **Our nursing home fellowship members, including Mary Taylor, Joan Lamonby, Sylvia Reed, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Mary Curtis**
- **This week, the residents of Wyndham Rd, Sorrel Close, Fennel Close, Audley Close & Clayhil Crescent**
- **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	30 th	Myrtle Café	12:00-14:30	Church Centre	David Willets
Tuesday	1 st	Meeting Point	09:45-11:15	Church Centre	Libby
		Home Members' Harvest	13:00	Church Centre	Mary D
Wednesday	2 nd	Morning Prayer	09:15-10:00	Church	Ed
		Barnabas Group	10:00-12:00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Flower Club	13:30-16:00	Church	Mary D
		Boys' Brigade	18:15-19:45	Church Centre	Ed
Saturday	5 th	Prayer Breakfast and Church Cleanup	08:00-10:00	Church	Ros

Next Sunday, 6th October 2024

10:00 am Holy Communion

Leader: *Raymond*

Stewards *Jane Y, Mark*

LCA: *Sally*

Sound *Mike S/Steve J*

Readings *Exodus 12:3-13 Lesley A*

Mark 14: 12-26 Judith

Prayers: *Sally*

Café: *Libby and Gina*

Upcoming Meeting Point Dates

3 Sept: School holidays

10 Sept: Informal

17 Sept: Parenting Forum

24 Sept Green Matters

1 Oct: Harvest

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