



Knowing Jesus  
Sharing God's Love  
Caring for People

**St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington  
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**30th August 10am**

**Morning Prayer**

**Lead/Sermon: Raymond**

A/V Mike S & Steve J

**Stewards:** Rachel & Ros

**Welcome, Notices**

**MP 631 Tell out my Soul**

Reading 1: Hos 14:1-9 Rachel

**Psalm 75**

Reading 2: Luke 18:9-14 Barbara

**Sermon**

**MP396 Just as I am vv1346**

Creed (Apostles)

Intercessions: Libby

**Collect (Trinity 12)**

**MP32 An Army of Ordinary People**

**Blessing**

Church Café: Sally & Karen

**Collect (Trinity 13)**

Almighty God, you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength and rest on  
you in weakness, now and in all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Almighty God, who called your Church to  
bear witness that you were in Christ rec-  
onciling the world to yourself:

help us to proclaim the good news of your  
love, that all who hear it may be drawn to  
you; through him who was lifted up on the  
cross, and reigns with you in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

**Amen**

**CV for Heaven**

Do you have a CV? I suppose, for many of  
us, the days of CV writing are past. But  
there are still times when someone wants  
(or needs) to know about our past. What  
education, what occupation, what achieve-  
ments (or failed attempts), what accolades  
or awards?

With CVs, there's an element of competi-  
tion – an employer wants the best availa-  
ble. And in social settings there's always the  
temptation: if someone has achieved some-  
thing or done something, how do I show  
I'm not inferior.

How often do you come to church, or read  
your Bible, or pray, or help someone, or  
visit the sick? Do the answers translate into  
score on St Peter's 'Gates of Heaven Score-  
card'?

I suspect St Peter would say that even hav-  
ing such a scorecard makes you a meta-  
phorical 'Pharisee'.

Jesus talks about two men. One with an im-  
pressive scorecard; the other knows it  
would be worthless.

And yet it is the one who acknowledge  
God's holiness (and his sinfulness) and  
God's mercy (and his unworthiness) and  
God's salvation (and his inability) who is  
justified at the end of the encounter.

"all who exalt themselves will be humbled,  
and those who humble themselves will be  
exalted." Luke 18:14 **Raymond**

**The Newbury Bible Society Action Group** are having their annual sponsored walk along the canal to Kintbury on Saturday 12th Sept. starting from Victoria Park at 10am. There will be a ploughman's picnic provided at the end of the walk, and walkers then get the train back to Newbury.

They would welcome any walkers who would like to join the walk but would also appreciate sponsorship whether or not you are walking. Sponsorship can be given via [justgiving.com/page/davidmcmahon4](https://justgiving.com/page/davidmcmahon4) Further details from Ros Stuart

## For the Love of Nature . . .

### A Special Exhibition

Gallery 5, West Berkshire Museum,  
Newbury, RG14 5AS

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August until  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2026\*  
Open 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

### Remote Action (things to do from your home to make a difference)

**1. Make an impact with every book you buy; Awesome Books** aims to prevent books from being thrown away. They collect books people no longer want, and sell them to customers worldwide. Additionally, they donate books to literacy programs. When you purchase from Awesome Books, you can help make a positive impact on sustainability and literacy. <https://www.awesomebooks.com/used-books?>

**2. Nature is in crisis. Support the Nature Recovery Fund set up by your local wildlife trust (BBOWT).**

<https://www.bbowl.org.uk/nature-recovery-fund> or call 01865 788300 between 9am and 5pm Monday – Friday, or send a cheque payable to Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust to: BBOWT, Compass House, 1 Farmoor Court, Farmoor, Oxford, OX2 9LU.

**3. Autumn Leprosy Mission catalogue has arrived:** borrow one from Information Stall in church centre, or look online, and order post free through me. Wonderful selection of books, Christian and general, stationery, fair-trade and hand-crafted gifts, ethical household and dare I mention, Christmas products.

Libby (01635 30719 or [libby.goldsack@btinternet.com](mailto:libby.goldsack@btinternet.com))

## **Ride and Stride 12th September**

### **Berkshire Historic Churches Trust**

This is an annual event to raise money for the Berkshire Churches Trust (50%) and for individual churches (50%).

Participants raise money via sponsorship, or people can donate online via the BHCT online giving page.

**It's not long now until this event.**

**Would you like to ride or stride for St Mary's**

See website here [Ride+Stride – Berkshire Historic Churches Trust](#) for details

## **SAVE THE DAY**

Myrtle Café & Popup Library 7<sup>th</sup> September

Heritage Open Day 12<sup>th</sup> September

### **Home Group**

With Ed having now left us we have lost our home group that has been meeting at the Rectory on alternate Tuesday evenings.

I am happy to host a home group at 21 Hedgeway on a fortnightly basis – on Tuesdays if that is the best night, but I could also do Monday or Wednesday evenings. Please let me know if you would be interested in taking part – whether or not you went to home group at the Rectory. As there is a PCC meeting on Tues 15<sup>th</sup> September, I suggest we meet the week before that – maybe initially for a coffee and chat about how we would like the group to work. Obviously, without Ed it will be somewhat different. For a start, I am happy to host, but not to lead every time! I would also envisage that we would return to using study books of some sort – but those are all things to be decided.

So, please let me know if you would be interested in an evening home group, and which evening you would prefer, either by email at [mikeandros.stuart@googlemail.com](mailto:mikeandros.stuart@googlemail.com) or in Person **Ros**

### **Green Tip**

Try to use your LOAF (local, organic, animal-friendly, fairtrade) for your end of summer picnics. Try the market, Oxfam shop, local butchers and farm shops.

## 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, Cynthia Lane, June Milsom  
Maggie Wiseman, Angie Mackoon & family.**
- **Our nursing home fellowship members, including Joan Lamonby,  
Chris Fenwick, Pat Lee, Mansour Afshari, Arthur Marshall.**
- **For the Boys' Brigade and Girls Association**
- **Residents of Pindar Place, Middleton Court, Ingoldsby, Yates Copse,**
- **Huntington Gardens, Lambert Drive & Fleetwood Close**
- **Our minister Raymond 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.

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| Wednesday | 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>Sept | Morning Prayer   | 9:15-10:00 | Church        | Raymond |
|           |                         | Barnabas Group   | 10:00      | Church Centre | Mary D  |
|           |                         | Funeral          | 11:00      | Church        | Raymond |
|           |                         | Flower Club      | 1:30       | Church Centre | Mary D  |
| Saturday  | 5                       | Prayer Breakfast | 9:00       | Church Centre |         |

### Next Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 10am Holy Communion

#### Leader & Sermon: Rev Marian de Quidt

A/V: Ollie & Mike                      Stewards: Libby & Wendy

Reading 1: 1Jn1:1-4; 5:13-21 Sally

Reading 2: Matt 15:1-11 Lesley

LCA & CA: Ros & Sally              Intercessions: Libby

Café: 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 or 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](http://shawchurch.org/giving) or scan the QR code.

If you would like to give to the church regularly, please see [parishgiving.org.uk](http://parishgiving.org.uk)



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