



St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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30th March – 4th Sunday of Lent

10am Mothering Sunday Parade

Lead: *Raymond A/V: Rachel & Steve J*

Stewards: *Sally & Libby*

Welcome & Notices

RB422 Tell out my soul

Confession

Boys Brigade Update

Ten Commandments (Geneva)

Reading Eph 6:1-4 (BB members)

Address (Ed)

RB59 Give me joy in my heart

Creed (Apostles)

Intercessions (Karen)

RB152 For the beauty of the earth

Blessing

Church Café

Wendy & Karen

Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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.

Listen to your Mother

What's the most valuable thing you learnt from your Mum? Many of us pick up indispensable life skills thanks to the patient teaching of our mothers. The list is endless: what day to day objects are called, how to brush your teeth, how to tie a tie, or do up your shoes, or tell the time and a thousand other things we need every day.

For lots of us, our Mums play a crucial role in forming our basic values and teaching us the difference between right and wrong. That might start with 'please' and 'thank you' or the need to share and let people have their turn, but it often continues well into adulthood. But Paul mentions something else that some of us learn from our Mums, 'the training and instruction of the Lord.' (Ephesians 6:4) Mums are often the first people to teach us to follow Jesus and to model it in our lives. And if we honour them in this area, God's promise that we will enjoy long life on the earth takes on a whole new dimension.

Ed

	<p><i>Bin it? No Way!</i></p>
<p>Sun 30th March 2025 14:00 to 16:30</p>	
<p>Methodist Church Hall, Newbury RG14 1AN NOTE:- Items usually accepted for repair until 30 minutes before closing</p>	
<p>Sun 27th April 2025 10:00 to 12:30</p>	
<p>Frank Hutchings Community Hall, Thatcham RG18 4QH</p>	
<p>What is a Repair Café? - Fixing a broken toaster - Reducing waste - Chatting over coffee, tea & biscuits Voluntary contributions welcome</p>	
<p>Electrical / electronic goods – Toys -Tool sharpening – Clothing / Textiles – Costume jewellery repairs – Small items of furniture / wooden objects – General repairs Mobile phone & IT advice / troubleshooting</p>	
<p>For more information visit www.repaircafe.org/en/cafe/newbury-and-thatcham-repair-cafe e: newburythatchamrepaircafe@gmail.com f: Newbury and Thatcham Repair Café</p>	

Bath Half-marathon

We did it!

Tony and Libby along with Sarah Annable-Gardner and 2 friends completed the Bath Half Marathon on 16 March raising money for Action Through Enterprise.

Thank you very much for all the kind donations.

The team has raised well over £2000 plus gift aid for ATE.

Christian Aid Coffee Morning, Thursday 3rd April at St Nic's

Home-made cakes etc., needed – please see Libby if you can help.

Greenfest at St Barts School 5th April 2025 10:30am – 3pm

A Rocha (who run Eco Church) Partners in Action will be there.

More information form <https://www.wbge.org.uk/greenfest.html> or
<https://arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/eco-church>

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) Sunday 23rd March 2025

Following the APCM last week, I can confirm that:

Lesley Almond and Ros Stuart were elected Church Wardens

Barbara Bradford and Paul Sievers were elected to the PCC.

Lent at St Mary's this year

During Lent this year, we are looking at what God requires of us.

You are warmly invited to join us on Sundays and Tuesday as we consider God's Commandments:

Sundays:

9 Mar No other Gods; No idols

16 Mar Do not misuse the Name

23 Mar *Remember the Sabbath*

30 Mar Honour your Parents

6 Apr Christ, Our Righteousness

13 Apr Palm Sunday

17 Apr Maundy Thursday: The New Commandment: Love each other

Tuesdays

You shall not Murder

You shall not commit Adultery

You shall not Steal

You shall not bear false witness

You shall not covet

Parish Trip 2025 – Exbury Gardens

Take the St Mary's Church Bus to Exbury Gardens

With worship at St Katherine's Church.

Sunday 27th April 2025

Leaving after the Morning Service

Sign up sheet at back of Church or email maryd@shawchurch.org



Christian Resources in Newbury

Sonrise Christian Resources will be popping up with an Easter stall at the Open Door coffee morning at Newbury Methodist Church on 15 April 2025, 10am noon.

Open to everyone, this is a great opportunity to pick up Easter cards and gifts, as well as more general Christian books, cards and gifts. Do pop by for a browse, a chat and to sample the coffee and cake at the Open Door.

You can even order ahead and collect on the day - just visit our website www.sonrisechristianresources.co.uk or call us on 07396 825097.

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, Maggie Wiseman.***
- ***Our nursing home fellowship members, including Joan Lamonby, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Sheila Smith, Mansour Afshari.***
- ***For the Boys' Brigade***
- ***The 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:

Saturday	29 th	Mothering Sunday Flower Preparation	10am	Church Centre	Raymond
		Photo Flower Show	3 pm – 5pm	Church Centre	Mary D
Sunday	30 th	Mothering Sunday Parade Service	10:00 am	Church	Raymond
Monday	31 st	Myrtle Café	12:00 – 14:30	Church Centre	David W
Tuesday	1 st	Meeting Point	9:45 – 11:15	Church Centre	Libby
		Lent Course	19:30 – 21:00	Church Centre	Ed
Wednesday	2 nd	Morning Prayer	9.15 – 10.00	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10.00 – 12.00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Boys' Brigade	18:15 – 19:45	Church Centre	Ed

Next Sunday

6th April 2025 – 5th Sunday of Lent

10:00 Holy Communion – Christ, Our Righteousness

Leader EY

Intercessions Wendy

Stewards Sally & Libby

Café Libby & Julie C

Sound Steve; Visuals Rachel

Green tip

For your spring cleaning use old-fashioned (and very effective) environmentally friendly white vinegar and bicarbonate of soda.