



Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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30th November 2025

10:00 am Morning Prayer

Lead: Ed Speak: Ed

A/V: Mike and Steve

Stewards: Lesley A and Jane Y

Welcome, Notices

RB 26 Oh Come oh Come Emmanuel

Confession, Absolution & Collect

RB 470 Hills of the North

Reading Isaiah 2:1-5 George

Anthem *Oh come Redeemer of the earth*

Reading Matthew 24:36-44 Jane O

Sermon

Creed (Apostles')

RB 342 Awake, Awake, fling off the night

Intercessions EY

RB28 Lo he comes

Blessing

Church Café: Nick and Sally

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Peace on earth – but how?

The vision of world peace in Isaiah 2:1-5 is so iconic that there is a statue of a man beating a sword into a ploughshare at the UN headquarters. It was donated by, of all countries, the USSR. It's an image which captures something of the world we all yearn for.

But how could such a world come about? In its context, the statue at the UN suggests that by coming together and talking, the nations can put aside their differences. For all the good that the UN has undoubtedly done, it is clearly incapable of such a far-reaching peace.

In Isaiah's vision, world peace is not a human achievement. Instead, it happens as God's word goes out from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth and the nations come to him for wisdom. In God we have grounds for hope that his peace will one day come.

Ed

Newbury and Thatcham Repair Café... Bin it? NO WAY!!

Q: What is Repair café? A: Fixing a broken toaster, reducing waste, chatting over coffee, tea and biscuits

Voluntary donations welcome

Electronic goods, toys, tool sharpening, costume jewelry repairs, small items of furniture, wooden objects, general repairs, mobile phone and IT advice, troubleshooting



When: Sunday 30th November 14:00-16.30

Where: Methodist Church Hall

Newbury RG14 1AN

Support our Christmas Charities 2025: Action Through Enterprise (in Ghana), Jesus Disciples Centre (Riverside) youth and children's work, and West Berks Food Bank.

There will be a basket at the back of church for donations to ATE throughout December

The Christingle service collection will go to Jesus Disciples Centre youth and children's work.

The Carol Services collections will go to the Food Bank.

Christmas messages on the screen will be £5 (to be split between ATE and JDC youth work). Please email your message direct to Wendy or give a written message to World Partners team (Libby, Ros, Barbara, Gill, Julie). All money to World Partners team please.

Sarah Annable-Gardner will tell us the latest news from Action Through Enterprise at church cafe on 7 December

On Saturday 6th December at 10:00 we will be putting together the Christingles for the service on the 7th. Please consider coming along to help.

Hallelujah!

Journeying Through Advent with Handel's Messiah

Why not read this together as a church?

The genius, and uniqueness, of Handel's Messiah is that every single note is taken directly from the Bible, no more no less.

Dave and Sally Gobbett's new Advent devotion uses Handel's masterpiece as a springboard for a daily meditation.

£1.00

Please let Mary Dawkins know if you would like copy.

We need your help!

If you shop online for yourself or for your business, or are thinking about buying **presents** on-line or booking a **holiday** for next year, please consider using **easyfundraising** to support St Mary's Church, Shaw-cum-Donnan. It's a really easy way to raise money for us – you just use the easyfundraising website online with more than 3,600 well known online stores like Amazon, eBay, Booking.com, eBay, Boden and M&S. When you make a purchase, you can make a free donation, **at no extra cost to you.**

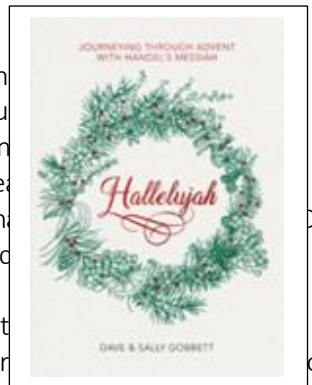
When you have registered with easyfundraising, don't forget to click on the 'reminder.' This prompts you to confirm that you would like a purchase to be made on St Mary's on your behalf when you visit their site.

We have already raised **over £600** since we started using this fundraising tool. We hope we can raise lots more in the future to support our activities here at St Mary's. All our office and church supplies are already purchased this way.

Even a few pence raised with each transaction adds up if lots of people take part. Some companies make bigger donations on purchases, for example £30 on Direct Line Car Insurance, up to 2% from John Lewis and up to 4% on Booking.com

Please talk to Rachel Haslam if you need any more information.

Thank you for your support.



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 Marshall, Pat Lee, Mansour Ashfari.**
- **For the Boys' Brigade and Girls Association**
- **Residents of Newport Rd and Iden Close**
- **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		Myrtle Cafe	10:30 - 12:30	Church Centre	David
Tuesday		Meeting Point	09:45 - 11:15	Church Centre	Libby
		Home Members' Advent HC	14:00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Home Group	19:30 - 21:00	Rectory	Ed
Wednesday		Morning prayer	09:15 - 10:00	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10:00 - 12:00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Boys Brigade	18:15 - 19:45	Church Centre	Jane O
Saturday		Prayer Breakfast	09:00 - 10:00	Church Centre	Ros
		Christingle making	10:00	Church Centre	Ed

Next Sunday, 7th December

10:00 Holy Communion

A/V Steve J/Mike

Lead: Ed Speak: Raymond

Stewards: Wendy & Ros

Reading: Isaiah 1:1-10- Paul S

Gospel: Matt. 3:1-12 – Lesley A

Intercessions: Wendy

CA: Lesley A & Rachel

Café: Libby and Julie

Green tip

Buy people experiences for Christmas. Or buy reverse presents like chickens, goats, educational and medical supplies etc. Try The Leprosy Mission, Oxfam, Christian Aid, Mothers' Union, Transform Trade.