



St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

Knowing Jesus, Sharing God's Love, Caring for People

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Sunday 31st March – Easter Sunday

Reminder – clocks move forward 1 hour.

Leader: Ed Steward: Mark/Libby

AV: Steve J, Mike

Welcome & Notices

MP 1105 *See What a Morning*

Confession

Collect

Gloria

Reading Rom 8:1-17 (Jane O)

Anthem - Easter Song of Praise (Shepherd)

Reading Mar 16:1-8 (George)

RB77 *Jesus Christ is Risen today*

Sermon (Raymond)

Creed

Intercessions (David Willetts)

RB 75 *The day of Resurrection*

Holy Communion (Ed)

RB 428 *Thine be the Glory*

Blessing

Church Café

Rachel & Karen

Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him:

grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

Friday Sunday

If Jesus is risen (sorry, if you're reading this before Easter Sunday – but it is true!), why the focus on suffering of Lent and Holy Week? If it's all good news (and it really is Good News!) does it matter how we got there?

In Romans, Paul talks about God's moral law where the consequence of sin is death. So we shouldn't be surprised if saving us from our sins involves death. Jesus' suffering (unimaginable to us – his entirely undeserved suffering, at the extremes of physical, mental and spiritual endurance) is hard for us to take. But shouldn't we reflect that our sin is also hard for God to forgive? Lent and Holy Week and Good Friday should lead us to worship the God who loves us so much.

But that was Friday, and we can call it 'Good' because of what happened on the following Sunday. God's power was demonstrated; Death is defeated; and we are saved.

"And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you."
Rom 8:11.

Raymond

Read Mark

Mark 6:14-29



John The Baptist Beheaded

¹⁴ King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him."

¹⁵ Others said, "He is Elijah."

And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago."

¹⁶ But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!"

¹⁷ For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. ¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

¹⁹ So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, ²⁰ because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him.

²¹ Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²² When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests.

The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you." ²³ And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom."

²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?"

"The head of John the Baptist," she answered.

²⁵ At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

²⁶ The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, ²⁸ and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. ²⁹ On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

The **Kitchen Project** has been approved for Match Funding – to donate and take advantage, go to <https://app.thegoodexchange.com/project/20220>.

Christian Aid Coffee Morning

Thurs 4 April: 10 to noon at St Nic's

Home-baked cakes, bric-a-brac and tombola prizes needed (see Libby)
And please drop in if you can

Dear Friends,

You may well have heard how you overwhelmed us all at West Berks Foodbank with your generosity at Harvest and



Christmas last year and the year ended with a very healthy stock level indeed at the warehouse. Thank you so much for your fantastic generosity and support last year. With your help, last year we were able to distribute over 140 tonnes of stock to:

- ❖ individuals and families facing difficulties in West Berkshire through the voucher system;
- ❖ support other organisations, like Loose Ends, Home Start, the Soup Kitchen to name a few;
- ❖ support Breakfast Clubs in schools;
- ❖ run the Hungry Holidays Scheme.

Through the voucher system alone, over 8,000 people were helped., 40% of these were children.

The stock level has fallen at the start of 2024 with demand for help being greater than donations received. With the BBC news reporting last week that the UK has seen the biggest rise in absolute poverty for 30 years, the help provided by Foodbanks is sadly very necessary. Please convey to your communities our thanks for your continued support. With your help, we will be able to continue to support those in crisis and help them to find a way out of their problems. To ensure donations are most useful, a shopping list of urgently needed items can always be found on the website at <https://westberks.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Thank you for all your support. With your help, we can make a difference.

Sheila Moore

Churches Collections Manager, West Berks Foodbank

Tedesca Quartet at Shaw Church

4.00pm Sunday 28th April 2024

Haydn Quartet Op 76 No. 1 in G Major

Shostakovich Quartet No. 7 Op 108

Mendelssohn Quartet in E flat Major Op 12

For tickets and enquiries please contact Rachel Haslam on 07919555043 or rachel.haslam@ntlworld.com

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 Milson, Angie Mackoon.*
- *Our nursing home fellowship members, including Mary Taylor, Joan Lamonby, Sylvia Reed, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall and Mary Curtis.*
- *Pat Troughton has moved to West Berks Hospital for palliative care.*
- *This week, the residents of Donnington Village, Abberbury Close & Groombridge*
- *The family of Martin Doyle, whose funeral is on Tuesday*
- *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	2 nd	No Myrtle Café			David Willetts
Tuesday	2 nd	No Meeting Point			Libby
Tuesday	2 nd	Funeral – Martin Doyle	13:30	Church	Raymond
Wednesday	3 rd	Morning Prayer	9:15 –10:00	Church	Raymond
Wednesday	3 rd	Barnabas Group	10:00 –12:00	Church Centre	Mary D/Judith
Wednesday	3 rd	Flower Club	13:30 –12:00	Church Centre	Mary D
Saturday	6 th	Prayer Breakfast	09:00 –10:00	Church Centre	Rachel
Saturday	6 th	Organ Concert	15:00	Church	

Steve Bowey in Concert at Shaw Church, 3pm Saturday 6th April 2024

Including works by Bach, Mendelssohn and Stanford

There is no charge for the concert and donations will be received for the work of St Mary's. Refreshments will be served after the concert.

Next Sunday 7th April 2024:

10:00 am Holy Communion

Leader: Raymond

Sermon: Raymond

Steward: **Wendy, Mark**

Readings: Rom 8:18-30 **Barbara**

John 20:19-23 **Judith**

Intercessions: **Sally**

Café: **Libby & Gina**

Easter Emergency Collection

For Christian Aid Emergency Fund - for forgotten crises such as Sudan

There will be a basket at back of church on Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday & Sunday after Easter or online: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergency-fund-appeal>