



St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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31st May – 10am Morning Prayer

Lead & Sermon: *Rev Marian De Quidt*

A/V: *Ollie & Rachel*

Steward: *Libby & Sally*

Welcome, Notices

RB 95 Holy, Holy, Holy

Confession

Anthem: Father we love you (choir)

Reading Psalm 148 (Mary)

RB 355 (ii) Father all loving

Reading John 6:1-13 (Diana)

Sermon

Creed (Apostles)

MP 367 Jesus is Lord

Intercessions: *Libby*

Collect (Trinity Sunday & Creation)

RB 180 Thou whose almighty word

Blessing

Church Café: *Wendy & Karen*

Collect (Trinity Sunday)

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal
Trinity and in the power of the divine
majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from
all adversities; 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.

Wonderful Creation

There are times for all of us when we feel closer to God, and as I listen to people, I hear that these times are often when we are outdoors. Churches and their settings - sunsets – mountain tops – river walks, lakesides – bird watching (becoming very popular with young people, not just retirees!).

'Thin places' are described in pilgrimages, beginning with missionaries in the 5-6th Century Celtic tradition, St Patrick in Ireland, at St Columba in Scotland, where God seems closer to us. Think now of a time when this has been true for you.

In the Gospels, we notice that Jesus spends much time outdoors during his three years in ministry. To pray, he goes outside away from the crowds, he rows across the Lake for quiet, he retreats to northern greenery for times to teach. Just the distances between places means that he 'walks and talks' along the way, around the Sea of Galilee, between Cana and Nazareth, down to Jerusalem... and one very memorable journey on the day of resurrection... with two disciples on the road to Emmaus... and their hearts are burning within them as they discuss the Scriptures.

Jesus celebrates creation and shows control too – he calms the storm, he speaks of the sparrows, grapes, vines and figs, wildflowers and lilies; olives and figs, sky, wind, water, rain.

We too, can celebrate and delight in God's wonderful world, and learn to work with Him to care for it. As we gather this Sunday, we shall continue that journey of discovery and grow together even more. *Marion de Quidt*

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

1. Make a Trinity origami dove (God the Father's reconciliation in Noah's flood, Jesus identified as the Son at his Baptism when the Holy Spirit descended like a dove) <https://www.mothersunion.org/wp-content/uploads/Origami-Dove-Instructions.pdf>

2. Enjoy the wonderful Creation in the churchyard for peace, meditation and recreation

3. Sign up for Creation Care, a scheme to help households care for God's world <https://creationcare.org.uk/>

NB Leprosy Mission summer catalogue now available. Borrow a catalogue from information stall in church centre or browse online at Leprosy Mission Shop and order through me.

Libby (01635 30719 or libby.goldsack@btinternet.com)

Churches' Count on Nature

7th June Post Service. Churches Count on Nature & Moth trap viewing.

Please do join in after the service with this national nature recording event.

GREEN TIP Keep a jug, glass bottle or glasses of tap water in the fridge in hot weather, rather than running the tap cold. Freeze slices of lemon or lime to use in the drink.

Invitation to Buffet Lunch to say farewell to Ed & Jane

Sunday 21st June from Noon

You are invited to a farewell lunch in the Church Centre for Ed & Jane to thank them for all they have done in their time here and wish them well as they head to Oxford.

Please sign the sheet at the back of the church, reply to the Church Office, office@shawchurch.org or let Ros or Lesley know if you can come by no later than the 14th of June



COINS Help Needed

COINS (Christian Outreach in Newbury Schools) is looking for some help with their Primary School Workshops for Year 6 pupils who are moving to Secondary School this year.

Help is needed on the following dates:

Monday 15th June 13:00-15:15 at Winchcombe School

Tuesday 16th June 13:00-15:15 at Speenhamland School

Friday 19th June 13:00-15:15 at The Willows School

Monday 22nd June 13:00-15:15 at St Nicolas Junior School

Tuesday 23rd June 09:00-11:45 at John Rankin School

Please contact Kate Adlam if you are able to help.

Email Kate@coinsnewbury.org

Thank you!

An Exciting Opportunity with COINS

Do you enjoy sharing Jesus with children?

Do you like the idea of part-time work in schools?

Would you like to be part of a supportive, creative team?

COINS is looking for a dynamic and motivated person to join our Primary School Team. At COINS we combine educational resources with a profound and personal faith linking schools, churches and the wider Christian community in Newbury. We provide resources, workshops, assemblies, lessons and school clubs to support Christian teaching in schools. We are looking for a suitably qualified person to take up a paid position of 6-8 hours per week, term-time only. Applicants should have a passion for sharing their faith with primary school children in an inclusive, engaging and relevant manner.

For further information please contact Liz on lizahow@coinsnewbury.org

Closing date for applications 10th June 2026

Interviews week of 15th and 22nd June and will include conducting a small group session with children.

Starting date 7th Sept.

Barnabas Group Outing Wednesday June 10th if you are interested in attending, please speak to Mary D, you will be warmly welcomed.

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 Lee, Mansour Afshari.*
- *For the Boys' Brigade and Girls Association*
- *Residents of Regnum Drive*
- *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:

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| Monday | 1 st June | Myrtle Community Café & Pop-up Library | 10:30-12:30 | Church Centre | David |
| Tuesday | 2 nd | Meeting Point | 9:45-11:15 | Church Centre | Libby |
| | | Home Group | 19:30-21:30 | Rectory | Ed |
| Wednesday | 3 rd | Morning Prayer | 9:15-10:00 | Church | Ed |
| | | Barnabas Group | 10:00-12:00 | Church Centre | Mary D |
| | | Flower Club | 13:30-16:00 | Church Centre | Mary D |
| Saturday | 6 th | Prayer Breakfast | 9:00-10:00 | Church Centre | Rachel |
| Sunday | 7 th | Count on Nature and Moth Trap viewing | 11:15 | Churchyard | Libby |
| | | Coins 30 th Celebration | 16:30-19:00 | Church | |

Next Sunday, 7th June 10am

Holy Communion

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| Leader/Sermon | Ed | Café | Lisa & David |
| Stewards | Rachel & Jane | LCA & CA | Lesley A & Sally |
| A/V | Steve J & Wendy | Reading 1 | TBC (Paul) |
| Intercessions | Wendy | Reading 2 | TBC (Lesley) |

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 or scan the QR code. If you would like to give to the church regularly, please see parishgiving.org.uk



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