



St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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

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Sunday – Holy Communion

Leader: Raymond Steward: Libby

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Welcome & Notices

RB 217 *Be Thou my Guardian*

Confession

Collect

RB 331 *The God of Abraham Praise*

Reading Rom 4:1-25 (Lesley A)

Anthem *Thou knowest Lord (Purcell)*

Reading John 2:13-22 (Judith)

Sermon (Raymond)

Creed

Intercessions (Sally)

MP1157 *Behold the Lamb*

Holy Communion (Raymond)

RB 117 *Praise to the holiest*

Blessing

Church Café

Charles & Lesley

Collect

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

How much faith?

“Increase our faith” the disciples asked (Luke 17:5). I wonder what they were expecting? A transformative parable or some secret knowledge? Or were they expecting Jesus to just zap them with a suffusion or infusion of faith?

Maybe you’ve found yourself asking the same question because your own faith seems so weak and feeble.

Jesus’ answer is a bit unsettling: “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you” (Luke 17:6). And it wouldn’t surprise me if there was a mulberry tree right there!

Jesus’ answer isn’t ill-considered or unhelpful. It does two important things: firstly it affirms the faith the disciples have – it’s not about ‘how much’, it’s about having that very small mustard-seed sized faith; and secondly he is gently helping them see that they don’t need more faith, they just need to use the faith they have. And it’s the same for us. Faith isn’t (as a school-boy is reported to have said) “believing what you know ain’t true”, but rather “faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance of what we do not see” (Heb 11:1)

Raymond

2023



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THANK YOU!

This certificate of appreciation is presented to

St. Mary's, Shaw

in acknowledgment of your kind donations to the
West Berks Foodbank throughout 2023,
an annual total of

151.2 kg of food & essentials

Your generosity has provided **318** meals
helping to feed a family of 4 for **26** days.

West Berks Foodbank supports people in food crisis, additionally
providing essential items such as toiletries, sanitary products, baby
food and pet food, only possible because of the kindness of others.



Shoemakers

20th

Anniversary Thanksgiving Service

Join us as we celebrate 20 years
of God's wonderful provision

Saturday 16th March, 2pm
St Mary's, Shaw

The Shoemakers Thanksgiving Dinner Centre is a company limited by guarantee.
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WEST BERKS FOODBANK IS 10 YEARS OLD

**You are invited to join past and present
volunteers for tea & cake to celebrate
10 years serving our community**

Please join us on Saturday 9th March 2024 at 4pm
St George's Church Hall, Wash Common, RG14 6NU

**Drinks & savouries provided
Please help us by bringing a
sweet treat to share**

Please RSVP noting any special dietary
requirements to warehouse@westberks.foodbank.org.uk

Steve Bowey in Concert

Including works by Bach,
Mendelssohn and Stanford

At Shaw Church

2pm Saturday 6th April 2024

Tickets £10 on the door, with
refreshments will be available after
the concert.

St Mary's Flower Club

Next Meeting

Wednesday 6th March

See Mary Dawkins for details

Read Mark

Mark 4:35-41



³⁵ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” ³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don't you care if we drown?” ³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. ⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?” ⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

Understanding Dementia

Led by Sue Butterworth
Senior Public Health Programme
Officer

Wednesday 13th March 10am – noon
Newbury Methodist Church (Wesley
Hall)

A two-hour workshop learning about
dementia, diagnosis, and the support
available for people living with
dementia and their carers

To book a place contact:
Karen on 07444 851606 or email
pastoraldevelopmentworker@outlook.com

Meeting Point

Time together for you and your little
ones, 9.45 to 11.15 am on Tuesdays in
term time (refreshments from 9.15)
Small, informal, friendly group - all in one
room . Chat, discussions etc for adults
Play and crafts with little ones
Carpet time and singing for everyone
Come along to any meeting, but if you
would like more details,
contact Libby on 01635 30719
or libby.goldsack@btinternet.com

March 2024

5 Mar Mothering crafts + *Fledgelings*
12 Mar Motherhood
19 Mar Easter Crafts
26 Mar The Easter Story (interactive)

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, Pat Troughton and Mary Curtis.*
- *Pat Troughton, who has moved to WestBerks Hopsital for palliative care.*
- *This week, the residents of Kingsley Close, Owen Road, Northern Ave & Dene Way*
- *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.

Things taking place this week

Monday	4 th	Myrtle Café	12:00 – 15:00	Church Centre	David Willetts
Tuesday	5 th	Meeting Point	9:45 – 11:00	Church Centre	Libby
Tuesday	5 th	COINS Easter Eggsplored	13:00 – 15:00	Church/Centre	
Tuesday	5 th	Lent Course	19:30 – 21:00	Church Centre	Raymond
Wednesday	6 th	Morning Prayer	9:15 – 10:00	Church	Raymond
Wednesday	6 th	Barnabas Group	10:00 – 12:00	Church Centre	Mary D/Judith
Wednesday	6 th	Flower Club	14:00	Church Centre	Mary D

Lent Course 2024 Tuesday evening: 7:30 – 9pm in the Church Centre

All are welcome to join us for our Lent Course this year.

Each week we will be reflecting on and digging deeper into the things talked about from Romans on the previous Sunday. Our journey through Romans is gently following Andrew Ollerton's Romans: A Letter that makes Sense of Life.

20th Feb Romans 2:1-15 Sin in our Attitudes

27th Feb Romans 3:21-31 Justified by Faith

5th Mar Romans 4:1-25 Living by Faith

12th Mar Romans 5:1-11 Peace with God

19th Mar Romans 5:12-21 Peace for you

28th Mar Romans 7:1-25 Sin brings death

Next Sunday 10th Mar 2024: Lent 4: Mothering Sunday

10:00 am Mothings Sunday Service

Leader: Ed Steward: **Mark/Sally**

Readings: Rom 5:1-11 **David Willetts**

Mark 8:31-38 **Barbara**

Intercessions: **Karen** Café: **Jane Y & Lisa Wilson**