



Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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4th January 2026

10:00 am Holy Communion

Lead: Raymond

A/V: Steve J & Wendy

Stewards: Sally & Libby

Welcome, Notices

RB 49 O worship the Lord

Confession

Gloria

Reading: Eph1:13-14 Paul

Anthem Eastern Monarchs

Reading John 1:14-18 Lesley

Sermon

Creed (Nicene)

MP 740 We three Kings

Creed

Intercessions Sally

RB 51 As with Gladness

Holy Communion LCA: Lesley A & Rachel

RB 47 Brightest and best

Blessing

Church Café: Barbra & Janet

Collect (Christmas 2)

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Happy New Year

But what do we mean when we say 'Happy New Year?'

Is it a command (I order you to be happy this year), a general non-specific expression of hope (that the new year will be kind to you), a prophecy (I predict the new year will be good for you), or just a general polite greeting made appropriate to the season?

Or do you see horrors on the horizon that mean 'happy' is just out of scope, and you don't want to be wishing anyone what couldn't possibly happen.

But what if "Happy New Year" is an invitation, acknowledging that last year wasn't perfect, and pointing to the new year as an opportunity to lay down the wrong and the bad, and to embrace being better, and doing better?

For Christians, the greeting can be more: a parable, because a fresh-start with God is what Jesus offers, and the happiest new year of all will be the one that is lived in the light of the Gospel of Christ, where sins are forgiven and God dwells by his Spirit. "You also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation." Eph1:13.

I wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Raymond

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 Hutton Close & Willows Edge**
- **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:

Tuesday	6 th	Meeting Point	9:45 - 11:15	Church Centre	Libby
		Funeral: John Culley	10:30	Church	Raymond
Wednesday	7 th	Morning Prayer	9:15	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10:00 - 12:00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Flower Club	13:30 - 16:00	Church Centre	
		Boys Brigade	17:00 - 20:30	Church Centre	Jane O
Friday	9 th	Funeral: Marian Taylor	12:30	Church	Janice

Next Sunday, 11th January

10:00 Morning Worship

Stewards: Wendy & Lesley

A/V Mike S/Steve J

Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16 – George

Gospel: Matt. 7:7-11– Rachel

Intercessions: Karen

Café: Rachel & Gill