



Welcome to St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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Welcome to St. Mary's Shaw cum Donnington!

Sunday 4th February Lent –2

10:00am Holy Communion

The Gospel is about People

Leader: Ed Speaker: Raymond

Stewards: Ros and Sally

Welcome & Notices

Prayer of Preparation

RB4-Christ whose glory fills the skies

Confession & Absolution

Collect

Romans 16: 1-24 (Sally)

Anthem: Nunc Dimitis

Luke 2: 22-40 (Judith)

Sermon: Raymond

Creed

MP428 Lord for the years

Intersessions (Mary D)

The Peace

MP449 Love Divine, all loves excelling

Eucharistic Prayer

(LCA Mary D, CA Raymond)

Agnus Dei

The distribution of Holy Communion

Post Communion prayers

MP125 Faithful vigil ended

Blessing

Invitation to church café

Church Café: Libby & Gina

**Today: Big Brew cake and quiz in aid of
Transform Trade**

Word for the week - Ordinary?

It must have seemed quite ordinary when a man and a woman brought their infant to present him to the LORD. The temple may not have seen this every day, but it can't have been uncommon either. It was law, it was custom, it was natural and right to thank God for the miracle of life, and also to acknowledge God's gracious hand of salvation with this rite of dedication.

But Jesus wasn't an ordinary first-born son, as Simeon and Anna made clear. His life for the next 12 or 30 years may have been ordinary, but He wasn't.

And what happened next was transformative. Ordinary people heard about Jesus, came to Jesus, believed in Him, and dedicated themselves to Him. And Jesus consecrated them, and made them – made us – into a holy nation *“that you may declare he praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light” 1 Peter 2:9.*

Raymond

Easter is early this year.

Ash Wednesday, which makes the beginning of Lent is on 14th February, and we will begin our Lent Course here with Holy Communion at 10:30am. We are going to be looking at Paul's letter to the Romans as we journey through Lent, guided by Andrew Ollerton's book "Romans, A Letter that Makes Sense of Life". If you'd like a copy (£16.99), please let Raymond or Ed know and we'll get one for you. The Lent Course will continue on Tuesday Evenings, 7:30pm in the Church Centre, each week reflecting more deeply on the previous Sunday's material. Final part of the Lent Course will be a Maundy Thursday service of Holy Communion as we reflect on Paul's conclusion that our only hope is to be rescued and the rescuer is Jesus Christ. I do hope you will be able to join in the full programme is:

4th Feb 10am Romans 16:1-24
The Gospel is about People

11th Feb 10am Romans 1:1-17
Romans is for the Faithful

14th Feb 10:30 Romans 1:24-31
Sin in our Actions **Ash Wednesday**

18th Feb 10am Romans 2:1-15
Sin in our Attitudes

20th Feb 19:30
Lent Course

25th Feb 10am Romans 3:21-31
Justified by Faith

27th Feb 19:30
Lent Course

3rd Mar 10am Romans 4:1-25
Living by Faith

5th Mar 19:30
Lent Course

10th Mar 10am Romans 5:1-11
Peace with God **Mothering Sunday**

12th Mar 19:30
Lent Course

17th Mar 10am Romans 5:12-21
Peace for you **APCM follows morning service**

19th Mar 19:30
Lent Course

24th Mar 10am Romans 6:1-23
Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ **Palm Sunday**

28th Mar 19:30 Romans 7:1-25
Sin brings death **Maundy Thursday**

29th Mar 2pm **Good Friday**

31st Mar 10am Romans 8:1-17
Resurrection means life

Date for your diaries

Slide Show By Paul Sievers

Saturday 17th February

2pm – 4pm in the church centre.



Madeiran images - a colourful show with a mixture of flowers, mountain scenery and local crafts.

Then after a short interval

Church floral arrangements during 2023

Followed by a macro quiz

Proceeds will go to the new Lychgate railings

Your invitation to a Reminiscence Afternoon

Tuesday 6 February 2024 from 2.30 to 4.00 pm in the church centre

Transport available if needed. Ring Libby on 30719 or email libby.goldsack@btinternet.com

Come and share your (or your family's) memories of **Spring customs** (Valentine's Day, Lent, Mothering Sunday, Easter etc) or listen to other people's, over a cup of tea and biscuits.

All welcome - do please bring your friends.

How we do Covid aware Holy Communion

Please come forward to the Communion Rail to receive the Bread and Wine.

We are distributing wine in individual cups.

Please follow the direction of the steward as he/she invites you to come forward.

If you are not able to come forward for any reason, let the steward know, and we will bring bread and wine to you.

We use fresh bread, and wine decanted into a small cup for each communicant. Please take the nearest cup offered to you, consume the wine, then leave the cup on one of the choir stall desks as you return to your seat.

Read Mark Mark 3: 7-19



Crowds Follow Jesus

⁷ Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the lake, and a large crowd from Galilee followed. ⁸ When they heard about all he was doing, many people came to him from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, and the regions across the Jordan and around Tyre and Sidon. ⁹ Because of the crowd he told his disciples to have a small boat ready for him, to keep the people from crowding him. ¹⁰ For he had healed many, so that those with diseases were pushing forward to touch him. ¹¹ Whenever the impure spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God." ¹² But he gave them strict orders not to tell others about him.

Jesus Appoints the Twelve

¹³ Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. ¹⁴ He appointed twelve^[a] that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach ¹⁵ and to have authority to drive out demons. ¹⁶ These are the twelve he appointed: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter), ¹⁷ James son of Zebedee and his brother John (to them he gave the name Boanerges, which means "sons of thunder"), ¹⁸ Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot ¹⁹ and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

St Mary's Flower Club

Next Meeting

Wednesday 7th February

See Mary Dawkins for details

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

January 2024

6 Feb Valentines/*Fledglings*

13 Feb Half Term **No meeting**

20 Feb Lent

27 Feb Book

recommendations

5 Mar Mothering crafts
and *Fledglings*

12 Mar Motherhood

19 Mar Easter crafts



Green tip

Use your LOAF (Local, Organic, Animal Friendly, Fairtrade) when doing your food shop



Sally's Sunday Lunch – 11th February 2024

To mark Sally's retirement there will be a lunch in the Church Centre on **Sunday 11th February at 12.30 pm**. Please add your name on the sheet at the back of Church if you would like to attend.

Kindly note there will be an opportunity to make donations for the lunch on the day.

Collect (Feast of Presentation)

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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 Sally in the office know.

- ◇ Cynthia Lane, Mark Hutson, Ruth Fisher, Sue Povey, June Milsom, and Angie Mackoon.
- ◇ Our nursing home fellowship members, including Mary Taylor, Joan Lamonby, Sylvia Reed, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Pat Troughton and Mary Curtis.
- ◇ This week, the residents of Highwood Close and Long Lane
- ◇ 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 5-10th February

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| Monday | 5 | 10:00-12:00 | Pastoral Team meeting | Centre | Mary D |
| | | 12:30-15:00 | Myrtle Cafe | Centre | David |
| Tuesday | 6 | 09:45-11:15 | Meeting Point | Centre | Libby |
| | | 14:00-16:00 | Reminiscence afternoon | Centre | Libby |
| Wednesday | 7 | 09:00-10:00 | Midweek Prayer | Church | Raymond |
| | | 10:30-12:00 | Barnabas Group | Centre | Judith |
| | | 11:00-12:00 | SCD school visit | Church | Ministers |
| | | 14:00-16:00 | Flower Club | Centre | Mary D |
| | | 19:30-21:30 | PCC meeting | Centre | Raymond |
| Thursday | 8 | 09:00-17:00 | Art Classes | Centre | Booking |
| | | 09:00-13:00 | Sally's Last Day! | Office | Sally |
| Friday | 9 | 11:00-12:30 | Little Steps | Centre | Booking |
| | | All day | CCTV works | Church/Centre | Nick |

Next Sunday 11th February Lent –1

10:00am Morning Worship Romans is for the Faithful

Leader: Raymond Speaker: Ed Stewards: Mark and Wendy

Romans 1: 1-17 (Steve J) 2nd reading tbc (Jane Y) Prayers : Libby

Church café: Lesley A and Diana 12:30 Church Lunch for Sally

