



Knowing Jesus  
Sharing God's Love  
Caring for People

# St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### 5<sup>th</sup> May – Holy Communion

Leader: Raymond Steward: Libby

AV: Mike S, Steve J

Welcome & Notices

**RB 145 Come ye faithful**

Confession

Gloria

Reading Romans 12:1-21 (Karen)

**Anthem Christ is Risen (Martin How)**

Reading Matt 28:16-20 (Judith)

**RB233 O Thou who camest from above**

Sermon (Raymond)

Creed (Nicene)

Intercessions (Wendy)

**RB 220 Fight the good fight**

Holy Communion

**RB 147 Crown him with many crowns V1345**

Blessing

### Church Café

Charles & Lesley

### Collect

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.

### When the rubber hits the road

He went to the Dimona for the racing, and as the crowds gathered, he told them this parable. The drag racer drivers line up for the start. For some, the Christmas Tree lights up the Red Cherry and they are disqualified before the race even begins; others start well, but don't have enough fuel and their engines stop and they never reach the finish line; other drivers begin well, but someone forgot to tighten the wheel nuts properly and their wheels come off leaving them stranded in the middle of the track; but the drivers who are ready, fuelled up and with a reliable mechanic in the pits, they power down the quarter mile finishing at 100, 200 or 300 miles per hour. Then he said "Whoever has a car to race, let them race."

When his followers came and asked him what this parable meant, he said, "The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables so that, 'they may be ever seeing but never perceiving, and ever hearing but never understanding; otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!' " Mark 4:11-12, quoting Isaiah 6:9-10.

Raymond.

# Read Mark

Mark 8:1-13 (NIV)



<sup>1</sup> During those days another large crowd gathered. Since they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to him and said, <sup>2</sup> “I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. <sup>3</sup> If I send them home hungry, they will collapse on the way, because some of them have come a long distance.” <sup>4</sup> His disciples answered, “But where in this remote place can anyone get enough bread to feed them?” <sup>5</sup> “How many loaves do you have?” Jesus asked. “Seven,” they replied.

<sup>6</sup> He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. When he had taken the seven loaves and given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people, and they did so. <sup>7</sup> They had a few small fish as well; he gave thanks for them also and told the disciples to distribute them. <sup>8</sup> The people ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

<sup>9</sup> About four thousand were present. After he had sent them away, <sup>10</sup> he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the region of Dalmanutha.

<sup>11</sup> The Pharisees came and began to question Jesus. To test him, they asked him for a sign from heaven. <sup>12</sup> He sighed deeply and said, “Why does this generation ask for a sign? Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to it.” <sup>13</sup> Then he left them, got back into the boat and crossed to the other side.

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### WHAT'S THE BEST NEWS YOU'VE EVER HEARD?

3.00 - 5:00 pm Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – and the following 4 Sunday afternoons

If you've ever had questions or want to find out about Jesus for yourself come along to look at Mark's Gospel. You can listen along, you won't be asked to sing or pray.

Bring a friend with you if you like. If you have any questions, ask Ed ([ed@shawchurch.org](mailto:ed@shawchurch.org))

## Parish Administrator

St Mary's Church, Shaw cum Donnington

The PCC of St Mary's Church would like to appoint a part-time **Parish Administrator** to assist with: General Administration, Office and Premises Management, and Parish Communications.

Hours: 15 hr/wk (work pattern negotiable but should include Friday).

Place of Work: Shaw Church Office (located in the church)

You will need strong administrative, organisational and communication skills; pastoral sensitivity in person, on the phone and in emails; and be in sympathy with our aims and ethos. Familiarity with Church of England structures and practices would be an advantage.

This position will come into contact with children and/or vulnerable adults and as such due regard to the Church of England's Safeguarding guidance is required. An enhanced DBS check and appropriate safeguarding training will be required.

For more information and an application form, please contact the Rector, Revd Raymond Obin on 07810120117 or email raymond @ shawchurch.org

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&  
**Burghclere Ukraine Group Support (BUGS)**  
in association with  
**The Swindon Humanitarian Aid Partnership (SHAP)**  
**Collection of Candles**  
for  
**Ukraine**  
Urgently required by communities, emergency services & those on the front line in eastern Ukraine  
**All shapes, colours & sizes; new or part used; loose or in containers**  
**PLEASE TAKE DONATIONS to WAITROSE in NEWBURY**  
 Thank you for your support 

### HUGS - Help Ukraine Group Support

We are appealing for candles to send to Ukraine. You can help by donating to the Collection of Candles at Waitrose in Newbury.

Some of the candles will be sent direct to Ukraine whilst others will be made into 'trench candles' to send to the frontline where they are used during the harsh winter weather for lighting, heating and cooking.

## 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 Milsom, Angie Mackoon.**
- **Our nursing home fellowship members, including Mary Taylor, Joan Lamonby, Sylvia Reed, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Mary Curtis**
- **This week, the residents of Maple Crescent, Winchcombe School, Winchcombe Place Care Home, Cherry Close**
- **For Connie Sutherland, Toby and Archie Collins coming for Baptism next week**
- **That we will find a new Parish Administrator**
- **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](mailto:libby.goldsack@btinternet.com) and she will circulate your request.

## What's on this week

Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Myrtle Café	12:00 –15:00	Church Centre	David Willetts
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting Point	09:45 –11:00	Church Centre	Libby
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Homegroup	19:30	Rectory	Ed
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer	09:15 –10:00	Church	Ed
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	Barnabas Group	10:00 –12:00	Church Centre	Mary D
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	10:30	Church	Ed
Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	19:30	Church	Ed

## Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Ascension Day

7:30 pm – to mark Ascension Day, we have a service of Holy Communion

## Next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

10:00 am Morning Worship with Baptism                      Sound/Visuals: Mike/Steve J  
Leader: EY    Sermon: EY    Stewards: Lesley A & Rachel  
Readings: Hebrews 4:14-5:10 (Steve J)    Acts 1:4-11 (Jane Y)  
Intercessions: Libby    Café: Jane Y & Lisa Wilson

### Christian Aid Week 12 to 19 May

Can you help? You could:

Deliver donation envelopes

Use your address for return of donations

Supply or buy plants on 12 May after morning service

Bake for cake sale or buy on 19 May after morning service

Please let Libby know if you can help: [libby.goldsack@btinternet.com](mailto:libby.goldsack@btinternet.com) or 01635 30719