



Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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5th April 2026

10:00 am Holy Communion

Lead: EY Sermon: RO

LCA: Sally CA: Raymond

A/V Steve J & Mike S

Stewards: Wendy & Jane Y

Welcome, Notices

RB 77 Jesus Christ is Risen today

Baptism Introduction

Collect (Easter Sunday)

Gloria (Sung: St Thomas)

Reading Acts 10:34-43/Paul

Anthem Come ye faithful - Thiman

Reading 2: Matt 28:1-10 /Judith

Sermon

RB 73 Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

Baptism

Intercessions: Sally

RB 75 The day of Resurrection

Communion

RB 428 Thine be the Glory

Giving a candle

Blessing.

Church Café: Libby & Julie

Collect (Easter Sunday)

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him:

grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen**

FRIDAY SUNDAY

I heard of a preacher who repeatedly contrasted the despair of Good Friday with the Hope of Easter Sunday. After each point (and there were many) he would say 'But that was Friday, and Sunday's coming'.

For us as a church, Lent has been a journey to Easter Sunday. We know we are fallen creatures, we've heard (and responded to) Jesus' call to repent, to love, to go. Maundy Thursday draws together Jesus taking, thanking God, breaking and giving the bread and wine, with the dismay as Jesus is take away; Good Friday confronts us with the terror of who we are: I did this, my sin is why he died. And then we wait; almost holding our breath; we wait.

And then Sunday comes: Jesus was dead but is no longer dead, resurrection is the word of the day. If, on Friday, he died for my sin, could Sunday include me as well? The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world is the Son of God who gives life (Jn5:21).

This is the journey to Easter – it is about death and life. Without death there is only old life, but in Christ, there is new life for those who believe.

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 Lee, Mansour Afshari.**
- **For the Boys' Brigade and Girls Association**



Residents of College Mews, Old College Rd, Ormonde Gardens, Telford Ct & Stephenson Ct
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:

Wednesday	8th April	Morning Prayer	9.15	Church	RO
		Barnabas Group	10.00 - 12:00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Midweek Communion	10.30 - 11.00	Church	
Thursday	9th	Make Lunch	09.00 -13-30	Church Centre	
Sunday	12th	Morning Prayer	10.00 - 1100	Church	
		Bell ringing	11.00 -12.00	Church	
		Bell Ringing Open Day	14.00 – 16.00	Church	

Family News

Information for or those who would wish to attend,

Mark Knight's funeral service is to be at St Nic's on **Thursday 16th April at 1pm** with a buffet lunch in the hall afterwards. We continue to pray for Anita and Marks family and friends.

Charities Bank at the back of the church

Urgently needed items

Sponge puddings

Tinned Peas/Carrots/sweetcorn/Fish/Tomatoes

UHT Milk

Fruit Juice

Bell Ringing Open Day

"Join us on Sunday 12th April, 2pm - 4pm for a unique opportunity to see the bells of St Mary's Shaw in action (RG14 2DR). Watch our skilled ringers at work, see the bells in motion, and even have a go yourself if you're feeling brave. You can expect to see, live bell ringing demonstrations, have a chance to try ringing, have an up-close view of the bells in motion through a live video link. Information on the bells themselves and their history will be on display.

Whether you're curious, enthusiastic or just looking for something different, please come along, every one welcome. Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.

Parking in church car park & refreshments will be available."

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

1. Support Christian Aid's Sudan Crisis Appeal

Basket at the back of church on Easter Sunday or

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/sudan-crisis-appeal>

2. From Eden to Gethsemane to church garden: this week, Climate Stewards Team invite you to enjoy the outdoors and find renewed strength to play your role in caring for creation—and to pray for the climate vulnerable and decision-makers. *"In order to rise to this challenge, we have to lean into the experiences of awe and wonder."* [Dr. Darren Whitehead, author The Digital Fast](#)

3. A Rocha says "Celebrate new life this Easter and have a go at growing something!" April is the perfect time to try to grow something edible. Salad leaves or herbs will reduce your reliance on those oh-so-convenient supermarket salad bags. For indoor space, try 'micro-greens' (vegetable leaves harvested soon after they open). For greenhouses, try sowing salad leaf seed mixes. For outdoors, beetroot, lettuce, onion and pea plants are frost-resistant so can all be planted outside in April. As you sow, thank God for the opportunity to grow food, and pray for those communities that are facing food shortages and famine.

Green tip

Plant for bees; perennials like lungwort, buddleia (ask friends for self-spreaders), packets of bee-friendly seed sold in Oxfam.

Emergency collection for Christian Aid Sudan Crisis Appeal

There will be a basket at the back of church on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Watership Brass Concert

7.30pm 11th April 2026

St Johns Church Newbury. **Admission Free**

Special guests

DeBrasserie Band from Ypres Belgium.

Ukulele concert Saturday 18th April with N.U.T.S (Newbury Ukulele Town Strummers!) at 3.00pm in Church.

Newbury and Thatcham Repair
Cafe are back in Newbury this
month



Sunday 26th April



Cafe open 14:00 – 16:30



**Items for repair to be
checked in 14:00 - 16:00**



**Newbury Methodist
Church Hall, RG14 1AN**

Next Sunday 12th April

10:00 Morning Prayer

Leader RO Speaker RO

Stewards Sally & Ross

A/V Mike & Wendy

Reading 1: 1Cor15:1-11/George

Reading 2: John 20:24-29/Lesley

Intercessions Karen

Church Cafe: Lesley & Diana

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/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 opposite. If you would like to give to the church regularly, please visit parishgiving.org.uk



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