



Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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5th July – 10am Holy Communion

Lead & Sermon: Raymond

A/V Steve & Mike S

Steward: Sally & Wendy

LCA & CA: Rachel & Mary D

Welcome, Notices

RB 212 Who would true valour see

Confession

Collect (Trinity 5)

Gloria (St Thomas)

Reading: 1Sam24:1-22(Paul)

RB 122 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Anthem: Ave Verum – Elgar

Reading: Matt 5 43-48 (Judith)

Sermon

Creed (Nicene)

Intercessions: (Karen)

RB171 Thy hand O God

Communion

RB 202 Let all the World

Blessing

Church Café: Libby & Julie

Collect (Trinity+5)

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Short-cut

A few years ago, I climbed Ben Nevis. I followed the path. Up behind me came two young ladies: no backpack (like I did), no rain-coat (I did), great speed (I wasn't slow, but...) and at one corner, I followed the path left and they headed right, down the valley and up the other side, rejoining the path a mile ahead of me. Meanwhile, my wife had taken the cable car up the neighbouring Aonach Mor. Of course, a short-cut can be a cheat – using AI to write your essay, lying about (or killing) someone so you can have (their) promotion (or property). Bad do. Which leaves us with hard choices: is this short-cut I see before me necessary (and good) or just plain bad? Could we view Jesus as a short-cut? Rather than living a perfect life, I can participate in His perfect life; rather than dying for my own sins, I can participate in His death. "Enter through the narrow gate" (Matthew 7:13) – maybe Jesus is a short-cut, but there are not short-cuts around him.

I am the way" Jesus said (John 14:6), "Follow me" (Luke 18:22).

Raymond.

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

1. Venezuelan Earthquake Appeal: https://www.tear-fund.org/?mc_cid=5293fd9b43

2. Sign this petition to help endangered butterflies
<https://butterfly-conservation.good.do/ban-neonics-for-good/email-your-mp/?cldee=DEFYandDdM0rVZGJv8gv-ku3TEvPWuX5B8oNy8UgYj>

3. Can you give extra food to West Berks Foodbank for their Hungry Holidays scheme? (in church or at supermarkets). More about the scheme at <https://westberks.foodbank.org.uk/2026/06/15/hungry-holidays-supporting-families-when-it-matters-most/>

Libby (01635 30719 or libby.goldsack@btinternet.com)

Communion Services in Local Care Homes

Communion services (for the benefit of residents and staff) are held at the following care homes within our parish:

2nd Wednesday of the Month

- **Winchcombe Care Home** – 11:30am
- **Willows Edge** – 2:00pm

3rd Wednesday of the Month

- **Donnington Care Home** – 11:30am
- **Newbury Grove** – 2:30pm

If you have a family member moving into any of these care homes and would like more information about the services, please speak with Raymond or one of the Pastoral Care Team.

Distribution of Holy Communion

For the last year or so, we have been sharing Holy Communion using gluten free bread and wine from a common cup. We have been using disposable food-safe wipes to clean the cup between each communicant. From this week, we will be returning to using a clean, white, cotton purificator.

If you do not think it is appropriate for you to drink from a common cup (for personal health reasons, or because you have a cold etc.), please know that receiving the bread alone is sufficient for you to have fully participated in the sacrament; you are also welcome to take the cup and hold it for a moment, or to just touch it with your hand as a sign that you are participating in the blood of Christ (see 1 Cor 10:16).

Repair Café date

July 26, 2026: Frank Hutchings Community Hall, Thatcham (2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

GREEN TIP

In the heat water fruit trees (which feed pollinators and birds and give shade) rather than grass.

News

Please note Junes Lunch Club Meeting has been postponed until Tuesday 14th July, this will be the last meeting before we break up for the Summer.

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, Angie Mackoon & family.*
- *Our nursing home fellowship members, including Joan Lamonby, Chris Fenwick, Pat Lee, Mansour Afshari.*
- *For the Boys' Brigade and Girls Association*
- *Residents of Fir Tree Lane*
- *Our minister Raymond 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.

Monday	6 th July	Myrtle Community Café Pop-up Library	10:30-12:30	Church Centre	David
Tuesday	7 th	Meeting Point	9:45-11:15	Church Centre	Libby
Wednesday	8 th	Morning Prayer	9:15-10:00	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10:00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Boys Brigade & Girls Association	18:15	Church Centre	
Thursday	9 th	Home Members	13.00	Church Centre	Mary D

Next Sunday, 12th July 10am Morning prayer

Leader/Sermon: Raymond

A/V: Ollie & Wendy
Reading 1: 2Sam 24:1-22 (Heather).
Intercessions: Sally.

Stewards: Lesley A & Janet S
Reading 2: Matt5:43-48 (Mary D)
Café: Daphne & Sally

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 or 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. If you would like to give to the church regularly, please see parishgiving.org.uk

