



Knowing Jesus

Sharing God's Love

Caring for People

## St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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### 6<sup>th</sup> April – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

#### 10am Holy Communion

Lead: Ed A/V: Steve J & Rachel

Stewards: Sally & Libby

Welcome & Notices

#### **RB 72 Lift high the Cross**

Commandments and Confession

#### **RB 58 The Royal Banners**

Reading Jer 23:5-6 (Paul S)

#### **Anthem – O Saviour of the World**

Reading 1 Cor 1:26-30 (Lesley A)

Address (Ed)

Creed (Nicene)

Intercessions (Wendy)

#### **RB 170 Church's One Foundation**

Holy Communion

#### **RB 67 When I survey**

Blessing

#### **Church Café**

Libby & Julie

#### **Collect**

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.

### How good is good enough?

One thing you might have been wondering when we started going through the ten commandments is 'How good is good enough?'. As we go down the list, is it ok if I score 6/10 or do I really need 8/10 or higher? But I hope the last few weeks have shown us just how far reaching these commandments are. A simple, easy commandment like 'You shall not murder' reaches into our hearts to condemn the anger, hatred, and resentment that Jesus teaches are just murder in the bud. I've loved seeing how endlessly applicable these commandments are and the radical transformation they call us to. But they've also shone a light on how I am not nearly so good a person as I like to imagine I am. Without our focus for this Sunday – Christ our righteousness – a series on the ten commandments will either lead us to pride in our (imagined) moral successes or plunge us in despair at our (all too real) moral failure. Instead, we must let the commandments drive us to Christ, whose perfect righteousness is our only hope of acceptance before God.

Ed

### Green tip

Provide water for bees in a shallow dish with pebbles for landing pads.

### Lent at St Mary's this year

During Lent this year, we are looking at what God requires of us.

You are warmly invited to join us on Sundays and Tuesday as we consider God's Commandments:

#### Sundays:

9 Mar No other Gods; No idols  
16 Mar Do not misuse the Name  
23 Mar *Remember the Sabbath*  
30 Mar Honour your Parents  
**6 Apr Christ, Our Righteousness**  
13 Apr Palm Sunday  
17 Apr Maundy Thursday: The New Commandment: Love each other

#### Tuesdays

You shall not Murder  
You shall not commit Adultery  
*You shall not Steal*  
You shall not bear false witness  
**You shall not covet**

### Parish Trip 2025 – Exbury Gardens

Take the St Mary's Church Bus to Exbury Gardens  
With worship at St Katherine's Church.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Leaving after the Morning Service



Sign up sheet at back of Church or email [maryd@shawchurch.org](mailto:maryd@shawchurch.org)

### Christian Resources in Newbury

Sonrise Christian Resources will be popping up with an Easter stall at the Open Door coffee morning at Newbury Methodist Church on 15 April 2025, 10am noon.

Open to everyone, this is a great opportunity to pick up Easter cards and gifts, as well as more general Christian books, cards and gifts. Do pop by for a browse, a chat and to sample the coffee and cake at the Open Door.

You can even order ahead and collect on the day - just visit our website [www.sonrisechristianresources.co.uk](http://www.sonrisechristianresources.co.uk) or call us on 07396 825097.

## 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, Geoffrey Keegan, Brian Eaton, Maggie Wiseman.***
- ***Our nursing home fellowship members, including Joan Lamonby, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Sheila Smith, Mansour Afshari.***
- ***For the Boys' Brigade***
- ***The 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](mailto:libby.goldsack@btinternet.com) and she will circulate your request.

## What's on in the coming week:

Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer Breakfast	9am	Church Centre	Ros
	<sup>h</sup>	Wedding	1:30 pm	Church	Ed
Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	10:00 am	Church	Ed
		Choral Evensong	6:00 pm	St Mary's, Speen	Steve Bowey
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Myrtle Café	12:00 – 14:30	Church Centre	David W
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Course	19:30 – 21:00	Church Centre	Ed
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer	9.15 – 10.00	Church	Ed
		Barnabas Group	10.00 – 12.00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Holy Communion	10.30 am	Church	Ed
Friday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Wedding	1:00 pm	Church	Ed

## Next Sunday is Palm Sunday

**9:45**      **Procession of Palms from Trinity School Roundabout**

**10:00**      **Morning Prayer**

Leader RO      Intercessions      Libby

Stewards      Janet S      Mary D

Sound: Steve J      Visuals: Mike S

Readings      Zech 9:9-12 (Heather)      Luke 19:28-40 (Rachel)

Café      Lesley A & Diana