



Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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8th Feb 2026

10:00 am Morning Worship

Lead: RO Sermon: EY

A/V: Steve J & Mike S

Stewards: Wendy & Libby

Welcome, Notices

RB 179 God of mercy, God of grace.

Confession

Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7 George

**RB 122 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
Psalm 67**

Reading: Matt 9:35-38: Steve

Sermon EY

MP178 Go forth and tell

Creed (Apostles)

Intercessions: Libby

Anthem Rutter Gaelic Blessing

Collect

MP 456 Make me a channel of your peace.

Blessing.

Church Café: Lesley A & Diana

Collect (Lent -2)

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and forever. Amen

A fitting Tribute

More than three years after her death, the final design for the memorial to Queen Elizabeth II, set to be built in St James' Park, is still yet to be confirmed. Final confirmation is expected this spring, to coincide with the 100th anniversary of her birth. Why has it taken so long? I'm sure lots of reasons, but one will be that we really want to get this right. Queen Elizabeth lived an extraordinary life of service to our country, and we want a memorial which does justice to that life.

Our Old Testament reading this week is one of the Servant Songs from Isaiah. These songs speak of a Servant who, it becomes increasingly clear, is Jesus himself. In this song, God declares that the life of service which the suffering Servant lives needs to be honoured with a greater tribute than merely the end of the Babylonian exile, the problem that Isaiah has mostly been addressing so far. In view of his life and, we later find, his death, God's salvation must extend to every nation on earth (Isaiah 49:6). This is the heart of the mission of the Gospel. A numberless people drawn from every nation on earth must hear and be saved by Jesus. Nothing less does him justice. Ed

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 Love Lane, Castle school, Shaw school & Trinity School**
- **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:

Monday	9th	Myrtle Community Cafe	10:30 - 12:30	Church Centre	David
Tuesday	10th	Meeting Point	9:45 - 11:15	Church Centre	Libby
		Home Group	19:30	Rectory	Ed
Wednesday	11th	Morning Prayer	9:15	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10:00 - 12:00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Midweek Communion	10.30	Church Centre	Mary D
		Boys Brigade	18:15 – 19:45	Church Centre	Jane O

Next Sunday, 15th February
10:00 Holy Communion

Leader: EY Speaker: RO
Stewards: tba & Janet S
A/V Mike S & Rachel
Daphne Gen 18:16-33
Mary D Matt 26:36-46
LCA & CA Lesley A & Mary D
Intercessions: David W
Café: Heather & Mary R

Green Tip

Try **Thatcham Refillable**. Get refills of domestic products Fridays 8am to 2pm at Thatcham Market, Mondays 9.30am to 12pm and Wednesday 5pm to 7pm at home 60 Northfield Road, Thatcham RG18 3ES. Also at home Sat 7 Feb, 2pm to 4pm. Details about products and your bottles on their website.

Thank you

Thank you for St. Mary's Church's donation to West Berks Foodbank Dear Rachel and all members of St. Mary's Church at Shaw-cum Donnington, I am writing to send sincere thanks for the recent donation of £369.84 collected at your Christmas Carol Services. Your kind support will enable us to keep supporting those in food crisis, numbers of which continue to rise across the country. The work of the foodbanks continues to be vital. The support which West Berks Foodbank can provide our clients is only made possible by our amazing team of 170 volunteers, including volunteers in the warehouse helping to receive the many donations, log and store the goods, and enable efficient packing & distribution of supplies and food parcels. At our distribution centres throughout West Berkshire, clients can meet volunteers face-to-face and receive vital food provisions. The West Berkshire Foodbank has a long history of service provision underpinned by processes, governance and a well-defined delivery model based on addressing needs through professional referrals. The Foodbank offers more than just food, with a Listening Team who offer to support clients to deal with the issues that have led to food poverty. They aim to help clients work with other agencies and charities giving them a way forward out of financial crisis. Our aim is to not only address short term needs but also to provide support, detect abuse and aim to provide a path out of hardship for those who seek out our service. Every donation we receive enables us to help more people who are in food crisis and to move towards a Hunger Free Future. We are so very grateful for the support that the church has shown the Food bank; it really is appreciated. Kind regards,
Louise Blake (Administration Team)

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

- 1. Pray inspired by the springing bulbs at home or in the churchyard.** Please include God's wonderful Creation, so much challenged by humankind.
- 2. Volunteers needed in churchyard;** now we no longer have Derek's presence in the churchyard, we are even more in need of help with tending, tidying etc. Please let me know if you are interested or would like to contribute plants in the spring.
- 3. Take your part used or new candles to Waitrose Newbury and Thatcham for sending to Ukraine**

Let me know if you would like more information or would like to order from the Leprosy Mission.

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**Come dine
with us!**

**Bridge
Church
Newbury**

**You're invited as a family
for free lunch
and children's activities**

**at St. Mary's Church Hall, Shaw RG14 2DR
from 10:30am–12:30pm**

**on Tuesday 17th February
& Thursday 19th February**

bit.ly/ThursdayLunchClub

REPAIR CAFE Newbury & Thatcham	<i>Bin it? No Way!</i>
Sun 22nd February 2026 14:00 to 16:30	
Methodist Church Hall, Newbury RG14 1AN	
NOTE:- Items usually accepted for repair until 30 minutes before closing	