



Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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8th March 2026

10:00 am Morning Prayer

Lead: RO Sermon: Marion de Quidt

A/V: Heather J & Rachel

Stewards: Ros & George

Welcome, Notices

MP385 Jesus the Name High Over All

Confession

MP 988 How Deep the Father's Love for us

Reading Psalm 51:1-17 (Janet S)

Psalm 130

Reading Matt 12:38-45 (Gill)

Sermon *Revd Marion de Quidt*

MP1151 Amazing Grace

Creed (Apostles)

Intercessions: Libby

Lord's prayer

MP1267 Come People of the Risen King

Blessing.

Church Café: Jane Y & Daphne

Collects (Lent 3 + Ash Weds)

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace. 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness. 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

Time to turn around

What should I do if I find myself driving the wrong way down a one-way street (let's not ask how I got there)? The first thing would be to stop (so I'm not actually breaking the law), better would be to turn around and drive the right way. Do you ever make a wrong turn? And then, rather than turn around and go back, carry on and pretend(!) it is the way you had always intended to go. Why admit you're wrong when there's a chance you can convince me you're not? I don't like being told I'm wrong – I don't like admitting I'm wrong when I discover it for myself. But sometimes I need to know. The best essay I wrote at college came after my tutor told me what she thought of my first draft – I completely re-wrote the essay.

So, Jesus came preaching "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near" (Matt 4:17). He isn't trying to pull us down or embarrass us in front of everyone. He's simply saying what is true because he wants us to turn around and become a part of the Kingdom of God – producing "fruit in keeping with repentance" (Mat 3:8).

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 Oxford Road, Donnington Elms & Castle Lane**
- **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
		Confirmation/Baptism Classes	19.30	Church Centre	Ed
Tuesday	10th	Meeting Point	9.45 - 11.15	Church Centre	Libby
		Lent Group	19.00-21.00	Church/upstairs	Ed
Wednesday	11th	Morning Prayer	9.15	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10.00 - 12:00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Midweek Communion	10.30-11.00	Church	
		Boys Brigade	18.15 - 19.45	Church Centre	Ed/Jane O
Saturday	14th	Posy Making Mothering Sunday	9.00 -10-30	Church Centre	

Next Sunday 15 March 10:00 Holy Communion

Leader: EY Speaker: EY
Stewards: Mary D & Sally
LCA & CA Lesley A & Raymond
A/V: Steve J & Wendy
Lisa W: 2Co1:3-7
David: Matt 12:46-50
Intercessions Mary D
Church Café: Barbara & Janet

Watership Brass Concert

7.30pm 11th April 2026

St Johns Church Newbury. Admission Free

Special guests/DeBrasserie Band from Ypres Belgium.

Green Tip

Spring clean with these environmentally friendly and effective products — bicarbonate of soda, white vinegar, 70% rubbing alcohol.

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 to the right.

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



Scan to give to Shaw Church

This week, we welcome the Revd Marion de Quidt as our preacher. Marion retired to Newbury last year after 10 years as the parish priest of a Benefice of 4 churches in Hampshire. She is still connected to the Winchester Diocese as an Associate minister of the Cathedral. She loves walking the Kennet and Avon Canal, goldfinches, and family time.”

**Your invitation to a Reminiscence Afternoon on Love Lane/Church Road area
Tuesday 17 March 2026, 2.30 to 4.00 pm in the Church Centre**

A chance to share your or your family’s memories, or listen to other people’s, over a cup of tea and biscuits.

Ring Libby on 30719 (NB voicemail is faulty) or email libby.goldsack@btinternet.com if you need transport

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

1. Join the Big Plastic Count 9-15 March, not just counting plastic, but counting on the government to act on the plastics crisis <https://thebigplasticcount.com/sign-up/households>

2. Take stock this Food Waste Action Week 9-15 March

<https://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/take-action-save-food/food-waste-action-week>

3. Take part in the Shaw-cum-Donnington Litter Pick on Saturday 14 March (details in separate notice)

Let me know if you would like more information or to order from **Leprosy Mission catalogue**. (Spring catalogue is now here including Easter goods. Browse catalogue from information stall or online and order through me.)

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Our Lent Course this year is on Tuesday evenings

This year we are going to be looking at the foundations of our faith:

7:00pm, We begin with a meal together

7:45pm, We open our hearts and our minds to God as we consider

10 th March	The 10 Commandments	Church Centre
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17 th March	Baptism	Church Centre
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24 th March	Holy Communion	Church Centre
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9:00pm end

All are invited, but please could you let the church office know if you are coming so we can make sure we have enough food.

Save a Date

Christian Aid Lent Lunches 19th March St George's Large Meeting Hall
12.45pm

Parish Slide Show 21st March 2026 3- 5 pm Church Centre Includes work of the flower arrangers throughout the year and after Tea last year's trip to Exbury and this year proposed trip to Hinton ampner

APCM 22nd March 2026 after the morning service

Spring Cleaning morning in Church on **Thursday 26th** March 10am - 12pm PLEASE do come along if you can for part or all the morning. Many hands will make light work. Tea/coffee & biscuits provided. Please bring along any useful cleaning items you have - cordless vacs etc
On **Friday 27th** it is hoped we will be able to hire a floor polisher to do the floor so will also need some volunteers to take turns with the polisher, and to move any furniture (tables) out of the way etc.

Easter Kids Sat 4th April 10am to 12pm So there will be no prayer breakfast in April

Ukulele concert Saturday 18th April with N.U.T.S (Newbury Ukulele Town Strummers!) at 2.30pm in Church.

Spring Litter Pick up Shaw-cum-Donnington on Saturday 14th March everyone has an opportunity to come along and help with **Spring Clean the parish**. We will be meeting at the car park next to the Greek Table/Castle Pub on the Oxford Road at 10am. We provide litter picks and bin bags, and you can choose where you go to pick litter and bring everything back to the car park by noon. Please bring some gloves – gardening gloves or rubber gloves will do. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Libby and Tony B are running the Bath Half Marathon again on 15 March, in aid of Action Through Enterprise, one of the charities we support at St Mary's. If you would like to sponsor us and help Action Through Enterprise do more for the children of Upper West Ghana and their communities, our links are below, or you can sign the list at church coffee. Many thanks.

<https://2026getprobathhalf.enthuse.com/pf/libby-goldsack>

<https://2026getprobathhalf.enthuse.com/pf/tony-bradford>