Knowing Jesus
Sharing God's Love
Caring for People

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**8th Nov 2026**

**10:15am Service of Remembrance**

**Lead/Sermon: Raymond**
**A/V Jacob & Wendy**
***Stewards:*** **Lesley A & Mary D**
**Welcome**
**RB 100 All people that on earth do dwell**
**Collect**
**Reading Heb 9:24-28 (Karen)**
**RB 292 Eternal father**
**Reading Mark 1:14-20 (Mike S)**
**Sermon**
**RB 295 I vow to thee my country**
**Offertory**
**Intercessions: (Mary D)**
**RB 294 And did those feet**
**Act of Remembrance**
**Blessing**
**RB 293 National Anthem**
**War Memorial**
**Church Café: Judith & Daphne**

**Collect:** Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

**Remember**

Remember, they say. I don't remember 1605, but I went to the bonfire and fire-works on Thursday. Remember, they say. I don't remember 1918 or 1944 – I was born some years after. Remember, they say. And yet I do remember – from history books, from films, from conversations with people who are older than me. And I knew someone who served in the South Atlantic in 1982.

We say 'Remember' and tend to think about the past: remember the terror of war, remember the sacrifice of those who 'for our today gave their tomorrow'.

But isn't 'memory' about the future as well as the past? Memory of the past gives context for the future, memory of the past shapes what we do (or don't do) today – to not repeat past wrongs but do better. We can't do better than those who sacrificed their lives because 'greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends' (John 15:13). But perhaps we can do better in seeking a world where such sacrifice isn't required.

This is why Jesus came – he said "The Kingdom of God has come near, repent and believe'. Mark 1:15. An he gave his life for it.

*Raymond.*

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

**1. Find out more about the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal:** https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise-for-us/poppy-appeal

**2. Link to Hope Christmas Shoe Box Appeal; deadline dates approaching**
Could you pack a box of essentials and cheering items for a deprived family or elderly person in Eastern Europe? Take a leaflet (includes form) from church. Please follow instructions carefully as they need specific items and packing and must have the official form attached with £3. Please only use modest size shoeboxes. Boxes need to be in church by Remembrance Sunday, 8 November.
Or you could contribute items, by 2 November if possible - box in church. Or pay for Link to Hope to pack one for you (follow link).
More information at https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2026/

**3. Could you spare an hour on Saturday 28 November to collect for Christian Aid?** In the town centre between 9 and 4.

Libby Goldsack 01635 30719 or libby.goldsack@btinternet.com





**Green tip**

Use a microwave bean bag or hot water bottle to keep warm and enable lower background heating.




## Saturday 21st November

in the afternoon 2.30pm

The aim is to have fun and raise funds for TEAR Fund at the same time.

Please do come and support us and bring family and friends along.
Either come as a team or come on your own and join a team.
(Teams of up to 6 people).
There will be tea/coffee and cake during the interval.
Further details from Ros.
If you can't come to the quiz but you want to give you can use the link below
https://www.justgiving.com/page/mike-stuart-4




**Reminiscence Afternoon**
**Tuesday 17th Nov 2.30pm**
**Church Centre**

**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, Cynthia Lane, June Milsom Maggie Wiseman.***
- ***Our nursing home fellowship members, including Joan Lamonby, Chris Fenwick, Pat Lee, Mansour Afshari, Arthur Marshall.***
- ***For the Boys' Brigade and Girls Association***
- ***Residents of Overbecs & Owlet's Grove***
- ***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.*

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| Monday | 9th Nov | Myrtle Community Cafe | 10.30 – 12.00 | Church Centre | David |
| Tuesday | 10th | Meeting Point | 9.45 – 11.15 | Church Centre | Libby |
| Wednesday | 11th | Morning Prayer | 9:15-10:00 | Church | Raymond |
| | | Barnabas Group | 10:00 | Church Centre | Mary D |
| | | Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association | 6.15-7.45 | Church/Centre | Jane O |
| | | Home Group | 7.15 | | Ros |

**Next Sunday 15th Nov, 10am**
**Holy Communion**
**Leader: Raymond / Sermon: James Markham- Bible Society**
A/V: Heather & Rachel Stewards: Sally & Paul
Reading 1: Psalm 46 (Brian)
Reading 2: Luke 24:13-35 (Daphne)
LCA & CA Lesley A & Ros Intercessions: Karen
Café: Barbara & Janet

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

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