



Knowing Jesus

Sharing God's Love

Caring for People

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

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9th March – First Sunday of Lent

10:00 Morning Prayer

Lead: Ed A/V: Mike & Steve

Stewards: Janet S & Lesley A

Welcome & Notices

MP160 Forty days and forty nights

Confession

RB 210 Oft in danger

Reading Deut 6:4-19 (Rachel)

Anthem: Turn thy face from my sins

Reading Luke 16:10-15 (Janet S)

Sermon

Creed (Apostles)

MP296 I stand amazed

Intercessions (Ed)

MP935 Take up your cross

Blessing

Church Café

Jane Y & Daphne

Collect (Last before Lent)

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.

Simon doesn't say

What do you think of rules? If you're playing a game, the rules allow everyone to play the same game, unless you have some (usually small) person who invents new rules to make sure 'I win'. If you're around something hazardous, following the rules will keep you safe(r). If you're employed to do something, doing it how you are told to may be what brings in your next pay packet. And keeping the laws of the land are rules should keep you out of court and prison. So what about the 10 Commandments? What kind of rules are they? Is life just a game and these rules let us play well together? Can we make up a few more or tweak them here and there – as long as we all agree? Or are they rules for our safety – because breaking them will hurt. Or do we lose something when we break them – wealth, happiness, freedom?

We know in our hearts that being a Christian isn't about following rules - it's about believing in God – trusting him and being faithful to him. Might the 10 Commandments be descriptive rather than merely prescriptive? This is what God's people do, rather than Do this to be God's people.

"I am the Lord your God, you shall have no other gods before me." Dt 5:7.

Raymond

Choral Concert at St Mary's

St Mary's are delighted to welcome back Cantemus Choir who will be performing their 25th Anniversary Concert on 15th March at 7:30pm. Steve Bowey will be accompanying the choir and will also play some solo pieces during the concert.

Tickets are £12 each and can be purchased from Rachel Haslam.

All proceeds will be for church funds.

Stewards will be needed to welcome the audience and serve interval refreshments so please let Rachel know if you are able to help.

Tony Bradford and Libby Goldsack are running the Bath Half Marathon for Action Through Enterprise on 16 March.

If you would like to sponsor them, here are the links to their fundraising pages.

<https://bathhalf2025.enthuse.com/pf/tony-bradford>

<https://bathhalf2025.enthuse.com/pf/libby-goldsack>

There will also be sponsor sheets at church.

Many thanks for your support

Coffee Morning at St Nic's – 13th March

Please could you start collecting bric a brac and tombola prizes.

There is a signup sheet at back of Church for homemade cakes/scones or if you are available to help on the day.

See Ros for more details.

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 18 March 2025 from 10am until 12, and again on 15 April.

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 or call us on 07396 825097.

REPAIR CAFE

Newbury & Thatcham

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Sun 30th March 2025 14:00 to 16:30

Methodist Church Hall, Newbury RG14 1AN

NOTE:- Items usually accepted for repair until 30 minutes before closing

Sun 27th April 2025 10:00 to 12:30

Frank Hutchings Community Hall, Thatcham RG18 4QH

What is a Repair Café?

- Fixing a broken toaster
- Reducing waste
- Chatting over coffee, tea & biscuits

Voluntary contributions welcome



Electrical / electronic goods – Toys -Tool sharpening –
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items of furniture / wooden objects – General repairs
Mobile phone & IT advice / troubleshooting

For more information visit

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Green tip

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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.***
- ***Our nursing home fellowship members, including Joan Lamonby, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Sheila Smith, Mansour Afshari.***
- ***For the Boys' Brigade***
- ***This week, the 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 weeks:

Monday	10 th	Myrtle Café	12:00 – 14:30	Church Centre	David W
Tuesday	11 th	Meeting Point	9:45 – 11:15	Church Centre	Libby
		Lent Course	19:30 – 21:00	Church Centre	Ed
Wednesday	12 th	Morning Prayer	9.15 – 10.00	Church	Raymond
		Barnabas Group	10.00 – 12.00	Church Centre	Mary D
		Holy Communion	10:30 – 11:00	Church	Ed
		Boys' Brigade	18:15 – 19:45	Church Centre	Ed
Thursday	13 th	Coffee Morning	10:00 – 12:00	St Nic's Hall	Ros
Saturday	15 th	Cantamus Choir	19:30	Church	Rachel

Next Sunday

16th March 2025 – Lent 2

10:00 Holy Communion

Leader: Raymond

Stewards Libby / Mary H

Sound Mike S/Visuals Rachel

Reading Exod 34:1-10 – Lisa Wilson

Luke 11:1-4 – David Wilson

Intercessions Wendy

Kitchen Barbara & Janet