



St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington

Rector: *Revd Raymond Obin* Curate: *Revd Ed Yates*

Church Warden: *Ros Stuart*

Parish Administrator: *vacant*

T: 01635 40450

E: office@shawchurch.org W: shawchurch.org

9th June Trinity 2

Morning Prayer with Baptism

Leader: *Ed*; Steward: *Jane Y, Libby*

Welcome, Notices & Banns

MP 467 Morning has Broken

World Partners' Presentation

Presentation of Baptism Candidate

Confession of Faith

MP 153 For the fruits of his creation

Reading Genesis 2:4-17 (Rachel)

Anthem – For the Beauty of the Earth

Reading Matthew 28:16-20 (Barbara)

Sermon

Baptism of George Cummings

MP 506 O Lord my God

Intercessions

RB 105 All Creatures of our God and King (vv1,2,3,4,7)

Blessing

Church Café

Lesley A and Diana

Collect

Life, the Universe and Everything?

What is the answer to the ultimate question of life, the universe and everything? That's the question a race of hyper intelligent aliens want to understand. In Douglas Adams' Sci-Fi comedy, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*. So they build a gigantic supercomputer called Deep Thought and ask it. 7.5 million years later, it comes back with the answer '42'. Not only is this answer incomprehensible, but it highlights another problem: the aliens don't know what exactly the ultimate question of life, the universe and everything is!

Douglas Adams is being playful, but he's also highlighting a serious issue – when it comes to *ultimate* issues, most of us are in a tangle of incomprehensible answers to half grasped questions.

But if we don't know what life, the universe and everything is about, is it any surprise if it all goes wrong? Today we're going to look at humanity's call to work and take care of the creation, because in it we see the Bible's answer to the ultimate question of life, the universe and everything.

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

Boys Brigade Meeting

Monday 10th June – 8:15pm, Church Centre

Newbury Boys Brigade is moving, and one possibility is that they come and be a part of Shaw Church. Last week, a small group from the church met to see what we could offer. The Boys Brigade Captain's initial reaction to what I was able to offer was very positive

It's not too late for you to be involved!

If you feel this is something you can contribute to, please come along on Monday at 8:15pm on Monday 10th June where we can talk together about how we might be able to make it work.

Raymond

Christian Aid Week thank you

To all who delivered envelopes, used their address for returning them, cultivated, baked, bought or gave goods or money -

A big thank you! We raised £495 from envelopes (of which £312 was gift-aided) and £280.70 from plants and cakes.

Parish Administrator

St Mary's Church, Shaw cum Donnington

The PCC of St Mary's Church would like to appoint a part-time

Parish Administrator to assist with: General Administration, Office and Premises Management, and Parish Communications.

Hours: 15 hr/wk (work pattern negotiable but should include Friday).

Place of Work: Shaw Church Office (located in the church)

You will need strong administrative, organisational and communication skills; pastoral sensitivity in person, on the phone and in emails; and be in sympathy with our aims and ethos. Familiarity with Church of England structures and practices would be an advantage.

This position will come into contact with children and/or vulnerable adults and as such due regard to the Church of England's Safeguarding guidance is required.

An enhanced DBS check and appropriate safeguarding training will be required.

For more information and an application form, please contact the Rector, Revd Raymond Obin on 07810120117 or email raymond @ shawchurch.org

Read Mark



Mark 9:14-29 (NIV)

¹⁴When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. ¹⁵As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.

¹⁶“What are you arguing with them about?” he asked.

¹⁷A man in the crowd answered, “Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. ¹⁸Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not.”

¹⁹“You unbelieving generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me.”

²⁰So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

²¹Jesus asked the boy’s father, “How long has he been like this?” “From childhood,” he answered. ²²“It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.”

²³“If you can?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.”

²⁴Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”

²⁵When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. “You deaf and mute spirit,” he said, “I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”

²⁶The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, “He’s dead.” ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

²⁸After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?”

²⁹He replied, “This kind can come out only by prayer.”

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.**
- **Our nursing home fellowship members, including Mary Taylor, Joan Lamonby, Sylvia Reed, Chris Fenwick, Pat Marshall, Mary Curtis**
- **This week, the residents of Wellington Close and Mountbatten Close**
- **That we will find a new Parish Administrator**
- **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 this week

Monday	10 th	Myrtle Café	11:30	Church Centre	David Willetts
Monday	10 th	Boys Brigade Meeting	20:15	Church Centre	Raymond
Tuesday	11 th	Meeting Point	09:45 –11:00	Church Centre	Libby
Wednesday	12 th	Morning Prayer	09:15 –10:00	Church	Raymond
Wednesday	12 th	Barnabas Group	10:00 –12:00	Church Centre	Mary D
Wednesday	12 th	Holy Communion	10:30	Church	Raymond/Ed

Next Sunday 16th June 2024

10:00 am Holy Communion

Leader: EY Sermon RO

Theme: Trinity 3 Duty CW N/A

Stewards: Mary D & Mark LCA/CA Mary D

Intercessions Mary D

Sound: Rachel Visuals: Steve J

Readings Rom 13:8-24 (Lisa)

Mark 12:28-34 (David Wilson)

Café: Heather & Mary R (NB: Coffee in Church not Hall)

Churches Count on Nature – after the service (at approx. 11:30)

to count species of wildlife in the churchyard as part of a national audit of nature.