

St Mary's Church Shaw cum Donnington



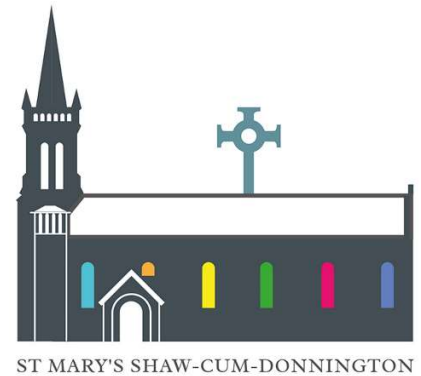
Registered Charity Number 1172611

Rector: **Revd Raymond Obin**

Churchwardens:

Mark Hutson and Mary Dawkins

Parish Administrator: **Sally Breach**



Sunday 5th December 2021 **Advent 2**

Welcome everyone. This morning Pat leads our service of BCP Communion at 10am.

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Readings and prayers

10am today: BCP Communion

Pat

Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4 Mary D

Reading: Philippians 1: 3-11 Judith

Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6 Pat

Do please join us at the church café after the morning service! Just follow the signs around the one-way system in the church centre, to the room entry door by the kitchen. Coffee will be served from the hatch. Café volunteers today are **Mary Rye & Gina Turner** Thank you.

Our Christmas Charity

Our Christmas Charity this year is **Action Through Enterprise in Ghana**.

You can support it in these ways

- Pray for the work - feeding children/enabling disabled children/small businesses/farming
- Baskets in church throughout December for contributions
- Christingle Service collection
- Pay £5 for a Christmas greeting on the screen (Money/messages to World Partners after church. Or hand to the bearer of your printed home sheet. Please do not leave in vestry.)
- Donate tombola prizes/bric-a-brac/home-made cakes for the coffee morning on 2 December
- Give online (or find out more about ATE) at <https://ateghana.org/>

- **The Bible Reading Fellowship notes** are now available from the Welcome Table. Please take your copy or see Christine Willetts if they of interest to you for the future.

Church Office Changes

I am currently shielding due to an autoimmune condition flare up and therefore working at home. Please email if you need to get into the church in the week to arrange access. If you do not have access to email, you can still phone the landline number. I see voice notes from it on the office email. Sorry for the inconvenience! **Sally**
Telephone: 07747 575248 or 01635 40450

Cancer Care Calendars for 2022 are now available from the church office. Cost £7 with posting envelope.

Email change: office@shawchurch.org

Please make the necessary contact changes for us on your computer.

New Website: www.shawchurch.org

Ecclesiastical Insurance has an offer for anybody taking out their household insurance with them and they nominate St Mary's, they will donate £130 to the Church. To find out more or to get a quote call 08007830130 and quote Trust 130 or AVNEWS21.

Upcoming services and events:

Walking on through Genesis with Reverend Raymond

Autumn Home Study on Tuesday Evenings

On **December – 7th**

at 7.45 pm for 8.00 pm – 9.00 pm



Dear God, help me to walk with you throughout the day. Give me today some of the wisdom that is in Your words, some of the love that is in your heart, some of the help that is in your hands.

Help me to live in such a way today that others may know that I began the day with You, and that I am walking with You, however dimly, others may see You in me. Amen.

All are welcome. Please sign in with your email details at

the back of church.

Meeting Point Tuesdays 9.45-11.15am in the Church Centre

7 December: Christmas Crafts

14 December: Nativity Story (in church)

No further Meeting Point meetings until 11 January which will be Informal

Wednesdays 9am -10am Morning Prayer with Raymond in church centre or church.

Barnabas is returning to us on Wednesday 8th December 10-12. Welcome back!

[Art classes](#)

Thursdays weekly 10-1 and 2-5 contact church office for details.

[Lunch club](#)

Monthly on the fourth Tuesday. **Next lunch December 14th**. Please call the church office to book a place. Local transport available.

[Update to Good Exchange Fundraising Application](#)

We are delighted that we have been awarded a grant offer of £2125.00 from Sovereign Housing Association!

The project is still open for donations so if you would like to make an on-line donation, please visit the Good Exchange Website and look for our project number 18961.

You can also donate by cheque if preferred. See Rachel, our Treasurer, for further details.

Thank you for your support.

December Events:

Today: 3.45pm process from Shaw House in a lantern trail!

4pm **Christingle**.

Tuesday 14th December 2.30 pm. Daylight Carol Service

Sunday 19th December 5 pm Carols by Candlelight service



Readers for the Carol Service on Sunday 19th December at 5.00 pm.

Please see signup sheet at the back of Church.

Thank you

Friday 24th December: Christmas Eve: 4pm Crib Blessing service. Revd. Raymond

11.15pm First Communion of Christmas. Revd. Raymond

Saturday 25th December: Christmas Day: 10am Christmas Worship followed by a short service of Holy communion. Revd. Raymond

Sunday 26th December: 10am Carol Worship service with Revd Pat

[Shoemakers resources for Advent 2021](#)

Advent is always a good opportunity to slow down and reflect in all the busyness of the Christmas preparations. We have lots of the best new titles to support you in your individual reflections and group studies. Do come in and see us soon.



Educafé Newbury

Is a community cafe run by Colleen and Clare every Wednesday from 11-3am at The Globe Newbury.

<https://www.educafeuk.co.uk/>

It is a safe and free space for people to come have free hot drinks and cake, join an activity table or just socialise. There are council and other professionals who offer help or free help and advice.

Foodbank at St Mary's

Thank you for your continued support for West Berks Foodbank. I was at the warehouse today and could already see some donations arriving from folk who have been following this year's Reverse Advent Calendar. Having these donations early will enable us to send them out in plenty of time for Christmas.

Thank you,
Sheila

Sheila Moore
Churches Collections Manager
West Berks Foodbank
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Email: Churches@westberks.foodbank.org.uk

Urgent items this week: Long-life UHT milk, tinned fish, size 6, 6-7, and 7 pull up nappy pants, washing up liquid, long-life fruit juice, tinned meat meals, (stew, curry, hotpot), non-bio laundry powder (we decant), size 3.4.5 nappies.

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington 200 Club

New members of the 200 Club are always welcome. We are aiming to double our membership in 2021 so please contact the church office, Mary Dawkins, or Rachel Haslam if you would like to take part. The next draw will take place Sunday 26th December.

Easyfundraising

If you are doing on-line shopping, don't forget that St Mary's can receive a donation from hundreds of retailers through the 'Easyfundraising' site.

See www.easyfundraising.org.uk for more information.

Thank you for your support. Rachel Haslam. Treasurer



Pathways Magazine Online

Please follow the link to download and read the Diocesan magazine.

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways-pdf-version/>

Prayers for our families and friends

Those in our fellowship and hearts who are sick and in need of Christ's presence and healing touch:



- Cynthia Lane, Mark Hutson, Ruth Fisher, Pat and Arthur Marshall, Carolyn Atkins, the Livesley family, the Fenwick family, Naomi Hunt, Sally Breach, and Marion Taylor.
- Our nursing home fellowship members, including our friends Mary Taylor and Mary Curtis.
- The Newbury Deanery Churches in these difficult times.
- Our planet and environmental concerns.
- The residents of Doveton Way and Leslie Southern Court

Would you like to send us a prayer request if you are worried about family or friends at this time? You can contact us by email, and we can include your prayers on our prayer chains or on this Home Sheet so that, as a church family, we can all pray together at home for your concerns.

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

1. Have yourself a Green Christmas says A Rocha. Is there a way to support international climate action projects through the gifts you give? What other ways can you make sure your Christmas is both a celebration of Christ's coming and carbon 'light'? Think about cards, wrapping and food. Check out some brilliant eco ideas <https://arocha.org.uk/ideas-for-a-greener-christmas/>

2. The Injustice Advent Calendar makes it simple to take action and bring a little light in the darkness. Modern advent calendars have tried to outdo each other by offering 24 days of snazzy ties, craft ale or beauty products, which are all well and good, but don't *really* hit the spot. The Injustice Advent Calendar is different. Over Advent, you'll get 24 opportunities to make the world a better place: one action each day of December until Christmas Day. It is always FREE to take part. Every action is complete in less than 5 minutes

Not too late to sign up at <https://traidcraftexchange.org/injustice-advent-calendar>

3. 101 ways to make a difference by your actions in ordinary life with Greenpeace https://action.greenpeace.org.uk/e/854853/guide-to-life-ep/26y6bd/466341195?h=E7iFDbfj7R_sMnSCStUpF9uTTH_5lgzAGMUtDkdw_1w

Keep safe. Let me know if you would like further information on any of the Remote Action or **to order Christmas, Green or Christian items from The Leprosy Mission.**

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