

*St Mary's Church Shaw cum Donnington
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Dear Friends,

**“St Mary's, Shaw cum Donnington 200 Club”
An invitation to join the St Mary's community lottery**

St Mary's has stood firm here down the centuries to ***awaken and express Christ's nature in ourselves, our families, our community and the world.*** Today, even during these difficult times, St Mary's remains at the centre of our community. With your support St Mary's will be here for many years to come. Currently, including our contributions to the Diocese of Oxford, it costs around £100,000 per year to provide the services and activities in the Church and the Church Centre.

We are all praying that full access to our Church, and the activities that many across the Parish and the wider community enjoy in our Church Centre, will be restored very soon. We are now charged to make a substantial effort with our fundraising so that once again we will be here to serve the community be it a baptism, wedding or funeral in the Church or lunch club, art club, history groups and children's activities in our Church Centre. The temporary closure last year meant a substantial reduction in our income and a change to our planned fundraising activities.

We write now to invite you to join the **“200 Club”** whereby we can actively maintain fundraising without a face-to-face meeting and you have the opportunity to win a prize each month. Our ambition is to reach **200 supporters** who will pay £10 per month for a subscription to a monthly draw. In 2020 we built our membership to 29 subscriptions and would like to double that number in 2021. Supporters of the 200 Club in 2020 enabled us to **raise £1,050 for our general funds** and we were also delighted to distribute **£450 in prize money**. Congratulations if you were one of the lucky winners! Please see the '200 Club Rules' for details of the prizes and conditions. These rules have not changed since they were issued and so are included for information only.

The Application Form, Club Rules and Payment Details for the 200 Club are available on request.

Thank you for continuing to support St Mary's. Together we can continue to make a difference in our parish, the local community and the wider world.

With heartfelt appreciation

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