

SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH Sunday 29th March 2015



Welcome to our Church

Our Website: www.shrivenhammethodistchurch.org

Our Vision: "to be an active part of the body of God, and to spread the Good News of Christ by word and deed in the local Community at every opportunity."



Circuit Church: Highworth

Services for Easter Sunday

10.30 am Revd Keith Osborn (family service with Holy Communion)

3.00 pm Longcot with Revd Keith Osborn (HC)

Steward: Janet Mawer
Door: Brenda Winskill
Organ: Stella Tidmarsh
Readers: H Taylor/Nicki Norris
Creche: Bob Mawer

Rota: Agencies & Christian charities worldwide working with the underprivileged - Tear Fund, Red Cross, Christian Aid, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Send a Cow, All We Can (Methodist relief and development - originally MFDF)

Local Roads: Longcot Road, Hazells Lane, Church Walk, High Street

Events:

Monday 6

Discipleship Course - the Manse*

Tuesday 7

Refreshers - 8.30am in front room

Wednesday 8

Worship Consultation Mtg - 7.30 Stella's*

Thursday 9

Prayer meeting 7pm in front room

Friday 10

Hymn practice 8.00pm at Stella's

Saturday 11

Prayer breakfast 8.30am in front room

Cafe Inspire

Services for next Sunday

10.30 am Adrian German

6.00 pm United Service at Cricklade

Steward: Pam Mullin
Door: Penny White
Organ: Stella Tidmarsh
Readers: Penny White/Morva White
Creche: Nicki Norris
Flowers: Morva White
Garden: Janet Mawer

The Upper Thames Circuit Service is next Sunday 12th April at 6.00pm at Cricklade United church (there is no service at our church that evening). You have already been asked to sign up for a 15 minute prayer slot on the evening before. Thank you for your support. Prayer topics have been emailed, or are available on request. If you would like a lift to this Service please ask one of the Stewards.

Collection of Hymn Books after our Services - the Door Steward has been asked to be at the door to say goodbye to people immediately after the service. It would be very helpful if you would take your hymn book to the foyer after the service to assist the Door Steward. Thank you.

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Easter Flowers - As usual this Easter, the people who do the flowers will make a special effort with displays. This will be done on Saturday morning. Any donations would be welcome, and if you can spare some time (during coffee shop) please do come and help out. There is now only a very few on whom we rely for our flower arranging at Easter.

Worship Consultation Meeting - the date for this meeting has changed to next Wednesday 8th April, 7.30 pm at Stella's. Everyone is welcome to come along and have a say.

Cafe Inspire are arranging an outing to **Prom Praise at the Albert Hall on Saturday 25th April**. If you would like to join them to make up a coach load please contact Paul Holloway by email p.d.holloway@btinternet.com or phone 784479 by the end of February at the latest to make the necessary arrangements.

Message from Rob Boyd - "Thank you to our wonderful fellowship at SMC for their prayers and good wishes. Our great eternal Father has felt very close throughout my time in hospital. This left me free to rest and pray for others; the four folk on my mini-ward (one a Muslim), the nurses, their families and other staff. Also for the Chaplain, with whom I was able to chat and pray on Sunday (I was not allowed to go to the Chapel as I was wired with a heart monitor). While in hospital, I have been very mindful of a number of scriptures (and the blessing of scripture through worship songs) especially Romans 8 v 28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose". I have been blessed by my experience away from my cosy Christian home environment. There are so many unhappy/grumpy people all around us who seek, but find no lasting satisfaction in material things. There are very few going around showing any real joy in their lives. I trust and pray that I have been a blessing to some of those I met and I thank our gracious Father for three or four opportunities to share my Faith and speak of Jesus."

Birthday Scheme - just a reminder about signing up for our birthday scheme if you haven't already done so - there is a list at the back of the church for you fill in - you will then receive a birthday greeting from the church on your birthday and included in your card will be a small envelope inviting you to make a donation towards the costs of our lay-worker. This envelope can be placed in the collection plate on a Sunday. (and if you do choose to be involved, please remember to use your church number so that we can collect the gift aid as well)

Hard copies of the **April issue of the Circuit Newsletter**, with various flyers, is available in the foyer

Dates for your Diary

Radical Discipleship Training - 12 weeks (23 February - 18 May) at the Highworth Manse
Sunday 12th April - Circuit Service at Cricklade United Church at 6.00 pm
Next Worship Consultation - Wednesday 8th April, 7.30 pm at Stella's
Discipleship Day - 18th April
Next Church lunch - 10th May (Christian Aid)
Mission & Discipleship Day - 16th May

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PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Heavenly Father, in Jesus' name we ask for a fresh outpouring of your Holy Spirit on your church in our community. Help us to grow in our experience of your love, forgiveness and healing. Challenge our contentment to stay as we are. Renew our vision of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, that through our words and the way we live, others may be drawn to your way. Give us the wisdom to seek your will and grant us the joy that comes from wholeheartedly following it. For your glory and the good of all your people. Amen

Hard of Hearing? If you are unable to hear during the service, please raise your hand to draw attention to the speaker and steward.

Email addresses: if you are a new member to the Church and would like to receive your notices by email, please send your request to morvawhite@supanet.com