

SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 15th November 2015

Welcome to our Church

Our Website: www.shrivenhammethodistchurch.co.uk

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."

Services Sunday 15th November

10.30 am	Revd Keith Osborn (followed by ACM)
6.30 pm	Revd Rachel Wilson (HC)
Steward	Linda Hood
Door	Tony Belk
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Tony Belk/Ian Brodie
Creche	Bob Mawer

Prayers this week

Circuit: Toothill

Rota: Those suffering addiction, financial & housing problems locally - Salvation Army at Booth & Gloucester Houses, Swindon Food Bank

Local Roads: Station Road, West-End

Services for next Sunday 22nd November

10.30 am	Led by Group 1
6.30 pm	Revd David Perkins
Steward	Robin Christian
Door	Sue Colyer
Organ	(Digital Hymnal)
Readers	Group 1
Creche	Sue Colyer
Flowers	Michelle Holloway
Garden	Stella Tidmarsh

Events this Week

Monday 16th

7th Alpha meeting 7.00 pm

Tuesday 17th

Refreshers 8.30 am in front room

Wednesday 18th

Thursday 19th

Prayer meeting front room, 8pm

Friday 20th

Hymn Practice at Stella's 8pm

Saturday 21st

Prayer breakfast 8.30 in front room

Annual Church Council - 15th November - short meeting following the morning service as all reports will be sent out beforehand - We invite everyone to stay for this meeting whether you are a member or not. (final report is attached to this email)

Next Rota - December to February - Is there anyone who would like to be included? Please see Helen. Duties range from door steward, bible readings, flower arranging, crèche, coffee making to gardening. Offers of help much appreciated. You don't have to do them all!

Christmas Care 2015 - we are supporting Christmas Care this Christmas providing shelter and food for the homeless at Queens Drive Methodist Church. A box for your donations of non-perishable food or clothing (clean adult winter clothing and footwear in good condition) will be left under the table in the foyer. Please put any non-food donations in bags to help with carrying.

(There is more information about Christmas Care 2015 on the leaflet attached to the November Circuit Newsletter I sent out earlier)

Wet Weather - could you please use the coat hooks in the corridor in wet weather, rather than multi-layer wet coats on the stands in the foyer.

Alpha Course - 7th session on Monday evening (16th November) at 7.00 pm with supper. Please continue to pray for the those attending, and for those leading the sessions.

.Highworth Methodist Church - Anniversary Weekend - 21/22 November. Rev Paul Ashby and his wife Carmel are leading the weekend. The overall theme for the study day on Saturday is: **'God encounter'**. Two teaching / practical sessions led by both Paul Carmel, 10.30 -12.30, then a session after lunch, along with a time of worship. Please do come along. Refreshments will be provided, but do bring your own packed lunch.

They will also lead and take both services at the church on Sunday (10.30am and 6pm).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 5th-7th December - jointly organised Alpha Course at SMC

November 22nd - service by Group 1

Christmas/New Year Dates:

Crib Fest - 10, 11 and 12 December in the mornings

Carols round the tree - 13 December

Afternoon Carol Service - Wednesday 16 December at 2.15 pm

Carol singing outside Sainsburys - Thursday 17 December 6-8 pm (in aid of Action for Children)

Carol singing outside the Co-op - Saturday 19 December

Family Carol Service - Sunday 20 December at 10.30 am

Church open for coffee & mince pies - mornings of 22, 23 and 24 December 10-12 noon

****NO Christmas Eve evening service - but there will be a 'Silent Communion' taking place in the morning when the church is open from 10-12 noon (further information to follow)**

(NO evening service on Sunday 27 December)

Ecumenical Covenant Service at SMC - Sunday 3 January 10.30 am

Longcot Ecumenical Service - Sunday 3 January 3.00 pm

(NO evening service at Shrivenham Sunday 3 January)

Worship Consultation Meeting - Tuesday 5th January - 7.30 at Stella's

Bible Study 2016 - Saturday 23rd January with Revd Steve Wild (President of the Methodist Conference)

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

Notices will be out on THURSDAY next week so please let Morva by next THURSDAY morning: morvawhite@supanet.com if there is anything to include