

## SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 17th May 2015

Welcome to our Church

Our Website: [www.shrivenhammethodistchurch.co.uk](http://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 17th May (Ascension)

10.30 am Group 2 leading worship

6.30 pm Jenny Corkett

Steward Robin Christian  
Door Wendy Smith  
Organ  
Readers Wendy Smith/Lynn Pembroke  
Creche Linda Hood

### Prayers this week

**Circuit Church:** Westlea  
**Rota:** Wider Medical care and support - hospital chaplains and volunteers, home carers, all emergency and support services

**Local Roads:** Those living outside, in Ashbury, Bourton, Highworth, Longcot & Watchfield

### Services for next Sunday 24th May (Pentecost)

10.30 am Charles Kirke

6.00 pm Joint Service at Highworth

Steward Janet Mawer  
Door Phil Bunce  
Organ Stella Tidmarsh  
Readers Phil Bunce/Tony Belk  
Creche Bob Mawer  
Flowers Pam Mullin  
Garden Janet Mawer

### Events this Week

**Monday 18th**  
Discipleship Mtg at the Manse  
Fish Group 1 meeting at Lynn's

**Tuesday 19th**  
Refreshers 8.30am in front room

**Wednesday 20th**

**Thursday 21st**  
Prayer meeting 7pm in front room

**Friday 22nd**  
Hymn Practice at Stella's 8.00pm

**Saturday 23rd**  
Prayer breakfast 8.30 in front room

Joint Service at Highworth with David Perkins - next Sunday 24th May - please ask a steward if you would like a lift.

Revd Ward Jones is retiring as our District Chair (see note below about his valedictory service) and we have all been invited to contribute to a leaving gift. If you would like to give something there will be a bowl at the back of church for the next 3 weeks. If you would like to donate by cheque, please make it payable to Shrivenham Methodist Church.

Reminder - there is a valedictory service for Revd Ward Jones at 3.30pm on Sunday 12th July, and a welcoming service for his successor, Rev Dr Jonathan Pye on Tuesday 1st Sept at 7.30 pm, both at Bristol Cathedral. The circuit will have people going to share transport - if you would like to go please tell Pam.

**Ian Robson** - Unfortunately Ian is no longer able to drive. We will be supporting him as best we can. If you are willing to offer Ian a lift on a Sunday, please tell Pam, who will put together some sort of rota. Ian is quite willing to come early to Church if you are on door duty. Also please remember Ian on other occasions when there is something on.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Radical Discipleship Training - 12 week course with Keith Osborn from 23 February to 18 May at the Manse

Next Church lunch - 26th July

Picnic at Ashdown - 23rd August

Valedictory service for Revd Ward Jones - 3.30 pm Sunday 12th July - Bristol Cathedral

Welcome service for Revd Dr Jonathan Pye - 7.30 pm Tuesday 1st September

### **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 to Morva by next Friday please: [morvawhite@supanet.com](mailto:morvawhite@supanet.com), but notices won't be sent out until Saturday