

## SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 18th December 2016

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 18th December (Advent 4)

10.30 am	Family Carol service with Revd Keith Osborn
6.30 pm	United Candlelight Carol Service at St Andrews
Steward	Linda Hood
Door	Ian Brodie
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Ian Brodie/Morva White
Creche	Bob Mawer
Flowers	Tree
Garden	Ian Brodie

### Services next Sunday 25th December

10.30 am	Christmas Day service with worship leaders
6.30 pm	No service
Steward	Janet Mawer
Door	Harold Taylor
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Harold Taylor/John Winskill
Creche	n/a
Flowers	Tree
Garden	Janet Mawer

### Prayers this week

**Circuit:** Abbey Meads

**Rota:** Medical care and support locally - Helen & Douglas Houses, Prospect Hospice & volunteers, Fitzwarren House, GWH staff and volunteers, Elm Tree Surgery

**Local Roads:** Church members living outside Shrivenham- Ashbury Bourton, Highworth, Longcot and Watchfield

### Events this Week

#### **Monday 19th**

Fish Group 1 Christmas Social

#### **Tuesday 20th**

Refreshers - 8.30am in front room

#### **Wednesday 21st**

#### **Thursday 22nd**

Church open 10.00-12 noon

Prayer meeting 7pm in front room

#### **Friday 23rd**

Church open 10.00- 12 noon

Hymn Practice at Stella's 8.00 pm

#### **Saturday 24th**

Prayer breakfast 8.30 am

Church open 10.00-12 noon

Silent Communion from 11.15\*

**Reminder** - church is open on the mornings of 22nd/23rd/24th December - we probably have enough mince pies now. Thank you to all those who contributed.

**\*Silent Communion** - for those who haven't been to one before - an explanation from Keith: *On Christmas Eve, from 10.00 and 12 noon the Methodist Church will be open for refreshments, and for Silent Communion between 11.15 and 12.00 when you are invited to*

*come into the main church, arriving at any time during this period and leaving whenever you are ready. I would advise that you allow between 15 and 30 minutes for communion, longer if you would prefer. We will play quiet Christmas music in the background and you will be given a booklet/leaflet with the words of the communion and a few hymns/poems for reflection. Whenever you are ready you make your way to the front where I will serve you with bread and wine. I look forward to seeing you all there. God bless. Keith*

Don't forget the **Mince Pie Fund** is now open - if you would like to take part, put a donation aside for every mince pie you eat up to Christmas. Donations will be collected in new year in aid of Phakamisa.

**Christmas Cards** - the small Christmas tree will be in the foyer for your Christmas cards to Church members, and the money you save can be donated to Action for Children.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

17th December - Carols outside Co-op 10.00 am

18th December - Family Carol Service 10.30 am

18th December - Carols by Candlelight at St Andrews - 6.30 pm

22nd, 23rd, 24th December - church open from 10-00-12 noon

24th December (Saturday) - Silent Communion from 11.15 am

25th December - Christmas Day service led by the worship leaders

25th December - NO evening service

1st January - NO service at Longcot

8th January - joint Covenant Service

11th January - Local Preachers & Worship Leaders meeting - SMC 7.30

21st January - Circuit Day speaker/Bible Study - Revd Paul Wilson on 'Ezekiel: Seeking Spiritual Renewal' - Royal Wootton Bassett

Friday 3rd March - Women's World Day of Prayer Service at Shrivenham Church

### **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

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Please send anything to be included in the notices to: [morvawhite@supanet.com](mailto:morvawhite@supanet.com) by Thursday.