

# SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 1st March 2015

Welcome to our Church

Our Website: [www.shrivenhammethodistchurch.org](http://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."

## Services this week (Lent 2)

10.30 am	Sheila Knowles
3.00 pm	Longcot with Revd Norma Fergusson
Steward	Janet Mawer
Door	Sue Colyer
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Sue Colyer/H Taylor
Creche	Linda Hood

## Prayers this week

**Circuit Church:** Shrivenham & Longcot

**Rota:** Defence Academy - all staff, students, families and chaplains in Social Services and Education

**Local Roads:** Colton Road, Curtis Road, Martens Road

## Services next Sunday 8th March

10.30 am	Godfrey Room
6.30pm	Keith Osborn (HC)
Steward	Linda Hood
Door	Lynn Pembroke
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Lynn Pembroke/Nicki Norris
Creche	Linda Hood
Flowers	Morva White
Garden	Stella Tidmarsh
Garden	Harold Taylor

## Events this Week

### **Monday 2nd**

Discipleship Course - the Manse\*

### **Tuesday 3rd**

Refreshers 8.30am in front room

### **Wednesday 4th**

Groups 1&2 meet 7.45 in Church\*

### **Thursday 5th**

Prayer meeting 7pm in front room

### **Friday 6th**

Women's World Day of Prayer

Service 2.15 in Church

Hymn practice 8.00 at Stella's

### **Saturday 7th**

Prayer breakfast 8.30 in front room

Coffee shop 10.00 - Group 2

**Sunday 1st March - service at Longcot - 3pm** - Longcot monthly United Service will be led by Revd Norma Fergusson. Tea and biscuits will be served after the service. Please contact Stella if a lift would be helpful.

**Wednesday 4th March** Joint meeting of FISH Groups 1 and 2 in the back room Tony Belk will be treating us to an illustrated talk on The Seven Churches Pilgrimage taken by a group from the Circuit in April last year. If you missed the previous, similar talk for the Circuit at Highworth now's your chance to find out what we got up to!!

**Women's World Day of Prayer Service** - Friday 6th March - this is an ecumenical service which is held alternate years between our church and Ashbury. This year we are focusing on the women of the Bahamas. The service is open to ALL (not just women!)

**Andy Tombs Funeral - Wednesday 4th March** at Kingsdown Crematorium 2.15pm, service led by Keith and afterwards at our Church hall for tea and cake. Anyone that knew Andy is welcome to either or both. If anyone who enjoys making cakes fancies making and donating one, it would be most welcome. Just let Gill or Lynn know please so we can arrange collection. Cheryl has offered to come and make the drinks for us but again if anyone is free to help her that would be great too. Andy was a regular at Refreshers for a long time and he will be sorely missed.

**Lent Course - Songs of Praise in the New Testament** - joining with the Anglicans - starting Sunday 1st March at 5.00pm (or Tuesday 24th Feb at Ashbury). Ask Stewards for more details

**\*Radical Discipleship Training** - a 12 week course on a Monday starting 23 February being held at the Highworth Manse. Leaflets available in the foyer. If you are interested in attending please contact Rev Keith Osborn direct.

**Saturday 12th March** - The Bell Ringers Association were so impressed by the venue and catering when they ran a training day at Longcot last year that they have arranged another one. Stella would be delighted to hear from anyone willing to help with the food again so please have a word with her. As before, half the per capita allowance for those attending the day will go into our church funds.

**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](mailto:p.d.holloway@btinternet.com) or phone 784479 by the end of February at the latest to make the necessary arrangements.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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

Lent Course: St Andrews Sundays 5.00pm or Tuesdays at the Old Forge, Ashbury 6.30pm

Next Church lunch - 10th May (Christian Aid)

Next Worship Consultation - Tuesday 14th April at Stella's

Discipleship Day - 18th April

Mission & Discipleship Day - 16th May

### **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 morning please: [morvawhite@supanet.com](mailto:morvawhite@supanet.com)

