

## SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 1st November 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 1st November

10.30 am	Revd Keith Osborn (HC)
3.00 pm	Longcot with Revd Richard Hancock
Steward	Pam Mullin
Door	Michelle Holloway
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Harold & Helen Taylor
Creche	Sue Colyer

### Prayers this week

**Circuit:** Shaw (NB All Saints Day on Sunday 1st)  
**Rota:** Our Minister, other Circuit Ministers, local preachers, worship leaders & church leadership teams

**Local Roads:** Fairthorne Way, Mortree Court, Charlbury Road, Cowleaze, Chapelwick

### Services for next Sunday 8th November

10.15 am	Remembrance Service at St Andrews
6.30 pm	Liesel Parkinson
Steward	Janet Mawer
Door	Mike Bathe
Organ	n/a
Readers	Mike Bathe
Creche	n/a
Flowers	n/a
Garden	Tony Belk

### Events this Week

**Monday 2nd**  
5th Alpha meeting 7.00 pm  
**Tuesday 3rd**  
Refreshers 8.30 am in front room  
**Wednesday 4th**  
Both Fish Groups meet in Church\*  
**Thursday 5th**  
Prayer meeting front room, 8pm  
**Friday 6th**  
Hymn Practice at Stella's 8pm  
**Saturday 7th**  
Prayer breakfast 8.30 in front room  
Coffee Shop - Group 2  
Action for Children evening at HMC\*

\***Wednesday 4th** - both Fish Groups are meeting at 7.45 in Church to hear Keith's talk on the Jesus Haus

**Action for Children** - - Saturday 7th November at 7.00 pm at Highworth Methodist Church - '**PACK UP YOUR TROUBLES**' talk by John Grimwood (Historian & Holts Battlefield Tour Guide) - A visual tour of the Western Front in WW1 in words, music & poetry. Tickets £8, to include Fish & Chip supper - available from Janet or Michele.

"This speaker comes highly recommended as entertaining and fun"

**Alpha Course** - 5th session on Monday evening (2nd November) at 7.00 pm with supper. Please continue to pray for the those attending, and for those leading the sessions.

**Annual Church Council** - 15th November - short meeting following the morning service as all reports will be sent out beforehand - Treasurer's Report and Accounts are attached. Further Reports

to follow. We invite everyone to stay for this meeting whether you are a member or not. The Stewards would like someone else to join their team. Would you please pray about offering your services, then talk to Keith before the ACM.

### **Songs and Stories**

This new group for babies, toddlers and pre-school children will start in January on a Wednesday morning (in the front room/foyer). We will need someone to help out every week on a rota basis - refreshments etc. We are starting a group because there is no toddler group in the village. If you can help out (could only mean once every few months if enough people volunteer) please tell Linda, Janet or Pam. We will be involving people from the village/St Andrew's too. A one off will be held on 9 December to try it out. Also, if you could also lead a session of songs or read a story, we would love to hear from you!

### **Youth Worker**

Interviews for our new Youth Worker will be held the week after next. Please pray that the Lord will lead the right person to us. In due course we will have to think of fund raising - so any ideas to a steward please

**.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 8th - Remembrance Service at St Andrew's  
November 15th - Annual Church Meeting (AGM) following morning service  
November 22nd - service by Group 1  
Christmas 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 - see later notices

(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 Friday next week so please let Morva by next Friday morning: [morvawhite@supanet.com](mailto:morvawhite@supanet.com) if there is anything to include