

SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 28th February 2016

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 28th February (Lent 3)

10.30 am	Revd George Nuttall
6.30 pm	Adrian German
Steward	Robin Christian
Door	Nicki Norris
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Nicki Norris/Robin Christian
Creche	Bob Mawer
Flowers	Morva White
Coffee	Stella Tidmarsh/Linda Hood
Garden	Lynn Pembroke

Services for next Sunday 6th March (Lent 4)

10.30 am	Revd Keith Osborn (Mothering Sunday)
3.00 pm	Longcot
Steward	Janet Mawer
Door	Harold Taylor
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Harold & Helen Taylor
Creche	Linda Hood
Flowers	Helen Taylor
Garden	Harold Taylor

Payers this week

Circuit: Upper Thames Circuit

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

Local Roads: Those living outside Shrivenham - Ashbury, Bourton, Highworth, Longcot, Watchfield Swindon

Events this Week

Monday 29th

Morning Alpha Course

Tuesday 1st

Refreshers 8.30 am

Wednesday 2nd

Songs & Stories from 8.45 am
Fish Group 2 mtg at Gill & Paul's

Thursday 3rd

Prayer meeting 7pm in front room

Friday 4th

Women's World Day of Prayer*
Hymn Practice, Stella's 8pm

Saturday 5th

Prayer breakfast 8.30 in front room
Coffee Shop - Group 1

Womens World Day of Prayer - Friday 4th March - 2.15 at Ashbury Free Church - This year the programme is prepared by the women of Cuba. Everyone is welcome to in this annual service - it is not just for women. The title of this year's service is 'Receive Children, Receive Me.' And, if you are not able to come, then please pray for those leading and those attending - both here and all around the world.

Urgent Plea: with 2 of our members temporarily incapacitated we are down to only **3 Creche Helpers. Please,** if you could volunteer to fill the gap, talk to Helen Taylor or one of the Stewards.

Doreen Perkins - Doreen lived in the village for many years and some of you would have known her. She died recently and her family would like people to know they are welcome at her funeral next Wednesday 3rd March, 2.30 at St Andrews Church, followed by burial at Shrivenham Cemetery about 3.15.

An Evening with Stuart Townend - Stuart Townend is visiting Swindon on the 19th April at St Joseph's College. Tickets are available from the Lighthouse Bookshop, Highworth or the Rainbow bookshop, Swindon or just talk to Wendy. £15 full price or £12 for under 16s. People helping at the event will get a free ticket. If you know somewhere that you can put up posters or some flyers please let Wendy know.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN COURSE - this year will take the form of 3 talks, to be held at our Church from 7.30-9.00 pm. Thursday 11th February - Mission and Ministry in the Forces with Rhett & Liesel Parkinson. Thursday 25th February - Personal prayer (looking at how particular prayer styles best fit out personality) with Canon Richard Hancock. Thursday 10th March - The story of the hospice movement (a story of people and how they can come together to create something amazing) with Revd Norma Fergusson.

PIANO needs a good home - the church piano is no longer needed so if you or someone you know would like it, please contact one of the stewards. The swing top waste bin is also no longer of use if anyone would like it.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Alpha Course for 11 weeks from Monday (am) 11th January - 21st March

Lent Course - 10th March

Women's World Day of Prayer - Friday 4th March - Ashbury Free Church

Sunday 20th March - Palm Sunday - parade to St Andrews and united service at 10.15 am

Friday 25th March - Good Friday service - 9.30 am

Sunday 27th March - Easter Sunday

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 by Thursday.