

SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 29th November 2015

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 29th November

10.30 am	Andrew Fleet
6.30 pm	Lou Ashford
Steward	Pam Mullin
Door	Nicki Norris
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Sue Colyer/Lynn Pembroke
Creche	Nicki Norris
Coffee	Linda Christian/Sue Colyer

Prayers this week

Circuit: Upper Thames Circuit

Rota: Wider medical care and support - hospital chaplains and volunteers, home carers, all emergency and support services

Local Roads: Those known to us personally

Services for next Sunday 6th December

10.30 am	Revd Keith Osborn (HC)
3.00 pm	Longcot
Steward	Robin Christian
Door	Phil Bunce
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Phil Bunce/Penny White
Creche	Lynn Pembroke
Flowers	Lynn Pembroke
Garden	Tony Belk

Events this Week

Monday 30th

9th Alpha meeting 7.00 pm

Tuesday 1st

Refreshers 8.30 am in front room

Wednesday 2nd

Thursday 3rd

Prayer meeting front room, 8pm

Friday 4th

Hymn Practice at Stella's 8pm

Saturday 5th

Prayer breakfast 8.30 in front room
Coffee Shop - Group 1

Circuit Newsletter for December is attached

The Mince Pie Fund is open! For every mince pie you consume up to Christmas we hope you will make a donation to Phakamisa - money will be collected after the holiday. Happy eating!!

A new Grandson for Sue & Ron Colyer - for those who were not in church last week, they have another grandson - Wilf - born on 17th October weighing 9lb 14 oz!! We thank the Lord for his safe arrival.

Information: the Lighthouse Bookshop in Highworth will be open until 8.30pm on Wednesdays - 2nd, 9th & 16th December

Christmas Care 2015 - we are supporting Christmas Care this Christmas providing shelter and food for the homeless at Queens Drive Methodist Church. A box for your donations of non-perishable food or clothing (clean adult winter clothing and footwear in good condition) will be left under the table in the foyer. Please put any non-food donations in bags to help with carrying. (There is more information about Christmas Care 2015 on the leaflet attached to the November Circuit Newsletter I sent out earlier)

Alpha Course - 9th session on Monday evening (30th November) at 7.00 pm with supper. Please continue to pray for the those attending, and for those leading the sessions.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 5th-7th December - jointly organised Alpha Course at SMC

Christmas/New Year 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 - but there will be a 'Silent Communion' taking place in the morning when the church is open from 10-12 noon (further information to follow) (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 THURSDAY next week so please let Morva by next THURSDAY morning: morvawhite@supanet.com if there is anything to include