

## SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 5th February 2017

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 5th February

10.30 am	Revd Don Symonds
3.00 pm	20th Anniversary Celebration Service at Longcot*
Steward	Gill/Paul Sharpe
Door	Nicki Norris
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Nicki Norris/Pam Mullin
Creche	Linda Hood
Flowers	Linda Hood
Garden	Harold Taylor

### Services next Sunday 12th February

10.30 am	Revd Keith Osborn (HC)
6.30 pm	Emily Young
Steward	Linda Hood
Door	Michelle Holloway
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Ian Brodie/Bob Mawer
Creche	Nicki Norris
Flowers	Morva White
Garden	Ian Brodie

### Prayers this week

**Circuit:** Toothill

**Rota:** Christian Youth Charities -  
Scripture Union, Swindon Youth  
For Christ,

**Local Roads:** Claypits Lane,  
Faringdon Road, Common Close,  
Days Ground, Northford

### Events this Week

#### **Monday 6th**

4th Alpha meeting 10.00-12.15

#### **Tuesday 7th**

Refreshers - 8.30 am

Revival prayer mtg 7-8(front room)  
Church Council Mtg 7.30 (back)

#### **Wednesday 8th**

Songs & Stories for Children 9 am

#### **Thursday 9th**

Prayer meeting 7.30 pm

#### **Friday 10th**

Hymn Practice at Stella's 8pm

#### **Saturday 11th**

Prayer breakfast 8.30 am

Cafe Inspire

**Chairs** - Doesn't the church look smart? Huge thanks to Paul Sharpe for arranging the delivery of our new chairs, and huge thanks to Gill, Lynn & Ian, and Bob for their hard work to set them out. Does anyone know who might like our old chairs?

### **\*Sunday 5th February - 3pm - ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AT LONGCOT CHAPEL**

Longcot is, as you know, a 'class of Shrivenham' so we're hoping plenty of the Shrivenham congregation will join us as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the re-dedication of the chapel, following its extension and refurbishment in February 1997. More than 60 people were present then and it would be lovely to see the chapel full for this service which will be led by Emily Young, Local Preacher and member of our church, with Keith and Richard

present too. Tea will be served after the service. If transport would help or if you need more information please contact Stella.

**Church Council Meeting - 7th February - 7.30 pm in back room of church** - draft minutes of last Church Council and Annual Church Meeting are attached.

**Sunday 19th February 3.30 - 5pm** -Tea Round the Fire at Stella's. Come and enjoy a time of fellowship over afternoon tea and chase away those February 'blues'!

**Prayer for Family Worker** - we are continuing to have a short time of prayer for a family worker on Sunday mornings from 10.00-10.15 am so please come to church a little earlier and join in if you feel God is leading you.

Copies of **Connexion** are available to take home.

**ALPHA** the Alpha course is well underway - Monday mornings - 10.00-12.15 - please continue to pray for those taking part as well as the leaders and helpers

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

16th January-3rd April Alpha Course 10.00-12.15  
5th February - Longcot Chapel celebrates its 20th Anniversary  
7th February - Church Council Meeting - 7.30 pm in Church  
19th February - Tea Round the Fire at Stella's (3.30-5.00)  
25th February - Circuit Gospel Choir workshop at Abbey Meads - details to come  
26th February - Cafe Inspire Service at 4.00 pm - details to come  
26th February - Church lunch  
Friday 3rd March - Women's World Day of Prayer Service at SMC  
LENT services - 12th, 19th, 26th March, 9th April  
16th March - Circuit Meeting - Shrivenham Methodist Church - 7.30 pm  
3rd April - Worship Consultation meeting - 7.30 pm at Stella's  
13th April - Maundy Thursday Meal - 7pm - venue tbc  
23rd April - Circuit service at Royal Wootton Bassett - 6.00pm  
14th May - United Christian Aid Service  
21st May - Church Lunch  
4th June - Pentecost  
20 August - Church picnic at Copperthorne Meadow

### **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.