

SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 6th Sept 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 6th September

10.30 am Revd Keith Osborn (HC)

3.00 pm Richard Hancock? at Longcot

Steward Pam Mullin
Door Wendy Smith
Organ Stella Tidmarsh
Readers Wendy Smith/Paul Holloway
Creche Linda Hood

Prayers this week

Circuit: Abbey Meads
Rota: Defence Academy - staff, students, families & Chaplains

Children & teachers back to school

Local Roads: Colton Road, Curtis Road, Martens Road

Services for next Sunday 13th September

10.30 am Mike Metcalfe

6.00 pm Service at Highworth MC*

Steward Robin Christian
Door Phil Bunce
Organ Stella Tidmarsh
Readers Phil Bunce/Robin Christian
Creche Bob Mawer
Flowers Gill Sharpe
Garden Janet Mawer

Events this Week

Monday 7th

Tuesday 8th
Refreshers 8.30am in front room

Wednesday 9th

Thursday 10th
Prayer meeting front room, 8pm

Friday 11th
Hymn practice at Stella's, 8pm

Saturday 12th
Prayer breakfast 8.30 in front room
Cafe Inspire
Ride & Stride

Now the Fete is over (we raised over £200) cakes are needed for the **Circuit Service** - next Sunday 13 September 6 pm at HMC - service taken by Rev Jonathan Pye, our new District Chairman. There are refreshments after the service so people can meet Rev Pye. We will only need to provide about 6 cakes. Please could you email/tell Pam if you can provide one. **She has offers of 3 so far**

Stride & Ride 12th September - thank you to those who have volunteered to 'man the foyer' - don't forget to sponsor those taking part

Harvest Festival will be a village service on **27 Sept at St Andrews 10.15 am**. Our church will have a harvest display on one of the windows. We will have a collection of dry goods as usual - last year these went to the food bank, (but it depends what the school are doing this year) A box is under the table by the front door for your contributions.

An Alpha course will be run at our Church together with people from St Andrew's for 10 weeks starting Monday 5 October. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions with a light supper, talk and group discussions, that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. No pressure. No follow up. No charge. It will be open to anyone and be widely advertised - people from our congregation are also welcome to come, even if you can't make every session -the first one on 5 October will be a 'taster' session.

We will also need **helpers** to do the food each week (2 from each church, the supper will be at 7 pm). Please consider if you can help out one (or more) weeks; there will be a form at the back of the church to sign. If you can provide the food (we won't know numbers until the course starts, but probably a max of 24) you will be able to claim for expenses. This is an evangelistic opportunity to reach out to our community (especially thinking of those who come to Café Inspire and Refreshers). We hope it will be well supported by everyone.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tea in the Garden: 20th Sept - Stella's

Saturday 12th September - Oxfordshire Churches Ride & Stride

Sunday 13th September - Revd Dr Jonathan Pye taking a service at Highworth MC

September 27th - Harvest Festival Service at St Andrew's (SMC will decorate a window)

September 29th - Church Council Meeting

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

Saturday 17th October - Circuit Day on Exploring Prayer - 10.00 am-4.00 pm - Speaker is

Revd Dr Chris Voke from Spurgeon's College - Highworth MC

November 8th - Remembrance Service at St Andrew's

November 15th - Annual Church Meeting (AGM) following morning service

November 22nd - service by Group 1

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 if there is anything to include