

SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 15th March 2015

Welcome to our Church

Our Website: www.shrivenhammethodistchurch.org

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 this week (Lent 4)

10.30 am Keith Osborn (HC)

6.30 pm Adrian German

Steward Pam Mullin
Door Nicki Norris
Organ Stella Tidmarsh
Readers Sue Colyer/Phil Bunce
Creche Bob Mawer

Prayers this week

Circuit Church: Blunsdon

Rota: Staff & Governors in our local schools

Local Roads: Stallpits Road, Sandhill

Services next Sunday 22nd March

10.30 am Pam Mullin

6.30pm Andrew Fleet

Steward Robin Christian
Door Mike Bathe
Organ Stella Tidmarsh
Readers Mike Bathe/Ian Brodie
Creche Sue Colyer
Flowers Brenda Winskill
Garden Ian Brodie

Events this Week

Monday 16th

Discipleship Course - the Manse*

Tuesday 17th

Refreshers 8.30am in front room
Neighbourhood Plan meeting*

Wednesday 18th

Thursday 19th

Prayer meeting 7pm in front room

Friday 20th

Hymn practice 8.00 at Stella's

Saturday 21st

Prayer breakfast 8.30 in front room

Special SHORT Church Council Meeting - directly following this mornings service there will be a SHORT meeting for everyone to agree a Constitution for Cafe Inspire. The draft Constitution is attached. It will then go to the PCC for their approval before being formally adopted by the Cafe Inspire Leadership Team.

Phakamisa - also attached is a copy of an article that Bob Mawer has submitted to The News concerning the visit of Thokozani Poswa in April, but you get to see it first.

Birthday Scheme - an explanation of Linda's notice last Sunday - As you will be aware we are hoping to have a Layworker, working part time in our church later in the year. We have made a commitment to supporting him/her and need to raise funds for this. One suggestion is that we reintroduce the Birthday Scheme Wendy Hutchinson ran for many years - you will receive a birthday greeting from the church on your birthday and included in your

card will be a small envelope inviting you to make a donation to our layworker, which can then be placed in the collection plate on a Sunday. If you would like to be a part of this scheme, please sign the sheet at the back of the church. (and if you do choose to be involved, please remember to use your church number so that we can collect the gift aid as well)

* **Neighbourhood Plan** - there is a meeting in the large hall at the Memorial Hall on **Tuesday 17th March at 7.00pm** for all villagers to discuss the latest local plan - see attached Council notice

Lent Course - Songs of Praise in the New Testament - joining with the Anglicans - Sundays at 5.00pm at St Andrews or Tuesdays at 7.30 , the Old Forge, Ashbury.

***Radical Discipleship Training** - a 12 week course on Monday evenings from 23 February at the Highworth Manse. Leaflets available in the foyer. If you are interested in attending please contact Rev Keith Osborn direct.

Cafe Inspire are arranging an outing to **Prom Praise at the Albert Hall on Saturday 25th April**. If you would like to join them to make up a coach load please contact Paul Holloway by email p.d.holloway@btinternet.com or phone 784479 by the end of February at the latest to make the necessary arrangements.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Radical Discipleship Training - 12 week course with Keith Osborn from 23 February to 18 May at the Manse
Lent Course: St Andrews Sundays 5.00pm or Tuesdays 7.30pm at the Old Forge, Ashbury
Next Church lunch - 10th May (Christian Aid)
Next Worship Consultation - Tuesday 14th April at Stella's
Discipleship Day - 18th April
Mission & Discipleship Day - 16th May

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 to Morva by next THURSDAY please: morvawhite@supanet.com