

SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 22nd 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 5)

10.30 am	Pam Mullin
6.30 pm	Andrew Fleet
Steward	Robin Christian
Door	Mike Bathe
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Mike Bathe/Ian Brodie
Creche	Sue Colyer

Prayers this week

Circuit Church: Braydon

Rota: Charities working with young people - Action for Children, NSPCC Barnardo's, Children's Society, Freya Beya

Local Roads: Highworth Road, Recreation Ground houses, Manor Lane, Manor Close

Services next Sunday 29th March

10.15 am	Palm Sunday at St Andrews
6.30pm	Jerusalem Joy at our Church
Steward	Linda Hood
Door	
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Paul Holloway
Creche	
Flowers	Lynn Pembroke
Garden	Tony Belk

Events this Week

Monday 23rd

Discipleship Course - the Manse*

Tuesday 24th

Refreshers 8.30am in front room

Wednesday 25th

Thursday 26th

Prayer meeting 7pm in front room

Friday 27th

Longcot Fellowship*

Hymn practice 8.00 at Church*

Saturday 21st

Prayer breakfast 8.30 in front room

Longcot Coffee Morning*

Palm Sunday arrangements - we meet at 9.30 outside our church for the blessing of palms, then parade to St Andrew's. The service at St Andrew's, though advertised for 10.15 usually starts as soon as the procession arrives, so if you intend to miss the parade please get to the church by about 10.00 to get a seat.

Palm Sunday 6.30 pm - our evening service will take the form of a performance by our ecumenical singing group of *Jerusalem Joy* by Roger Jones. Do come and share with them in this re-telling of the events of Holy Week. Coffee and tea will be served afterwards.

Hymn Books - Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, the cost of the 10 new Singing the Faith hymn books has been covered by donations received.

Huge Thanks to everyone who contributed to the catering for the bell ringers at Longcot last Saturday. Our church finances have now improved £85 and the food was greatly appreciated.

Friday 27th at 1.45 pm - Longcot Friday Fellowship will be welcoming David and Wendy Howlett to talk to us about 'Paradise Lost - Kenya Reflections'. They spent six weeks last year as volunteer teachers in Kenya and they will introduce us to the beauty and some of the problems to be found in that country. Everyone is welcome and if a lift would be helpful please contact Stella.

Saturday 28th from 10.15 am - Longcot Coffee Morning in Longcot Chapel in aid of the school where yesterday's speakers spent most of their time in Kenya.

The Upper Thames **Circuit Service** is on **Sunday 12th April at 6.00pm at Cricklade United Church** (there is no service at our church that evening. All the churches are being asked to spend the 24 hours before the Service in shared prayer for our Circuit and for the work to which God has called us in His name. Shrivensham and Longcot's slot is on Saturday 11th April from 7.30pm until midnight. A schedule of prayer topics will be produced to help us with this, and we can pray in our own homes. Please make a note of the date and choose a specific time for yourselves. More details will follow in the next notices.

Cafe Inspire Constitution - minutes of the special meeting held last Sunday following the service are attached as an additional page of the original minutes of the last Church Council Meeting.

Lent Course - Songs of Praise in the New Testament - joining with the Anglicans - **NB this Sunday at 6.30pm 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 Sunday 6.30pm or Tuesdays 7.30pm at the Old Forge, Ashbury
Sunday 12th April - Circuit Service at Cricklade United Church at 6.00 pm

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 Friday morning please: morvawhite@supanet.com