

SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 7 September 2014

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

10.30am	Adrian German
3.00pm	United Service at Longcot Chapel with Revd Norma Fergusson
Steward	Robin Christian
Door	Lynn Pembroke
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Lynn Pembroke/Tony Belk
Creche	Nicki Norris

Services next Sunday 14 September

10.30am	Revd Keith Osborn (Holy Communion)
6.30 pm	Revd Keith Osborn (Holy Communion)
Steward	Linda Hood
Door	Morva White
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Morva White/Wendy Smith
Creche	Helen Taylor
Flowers	Gill Sharpe
Garden	Harold Taylor

Prayers this week

Circuit Church: Shrivenham & Longcot
Rota: Youth Workers & Charities working with young people - Action for Children, Barnardo's, Children's Society, NSPCC, Freya Beya, SU, SYFC
Local Roads: Highworth Road Recreation Ground Houses, Manor Lane, Manor Close

Events this Week

Monday 8th

Tuesday 9th

Refreshers 8.30am in front room

Wednesday 10th

Thursday 11th

Prayer meeting 7pm in front room

Friday 12th

Hymn practice - 8pm at Stella's

Saturday 13th

Prayer breakfast 8.30 in front room
Cafe Inspire at School 10.00am
OHCT Stride & Ride

OHCT (Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust) STRIDE & RIDE 13th SEPTEMBER

Thank you for signing up on the sheet. All the slots are now full. Please sponsor anyone you know who is taking part or make a donation. It is an excellent cause - even the Bishop of Oxford is taking part this year.

SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

First service with our new Minister, Revd Keith Osborn, followed by Church lunch, buffet style to welcome Keith and his family. Please sign the list at back of Church (or tell Stella) to indicate attendance and what you can bring.

Focus on Prayer

A New Year has started in our Methodist Calendar, and this year we are specifically focusing on prayer. We can already thank God for answered prayers for Cafe Inspire and Refreshers and we must continue to pray to God to bless this outreach into our community. We need to pray especially for our lay worker, Paul, and his work which will be starting in January. And there is much, much more that needs our constant prayer both here and across the world.

There are two prayer meetings a week - Thursday evenings at 7pm & Saturday mornings at 8.30am - and your weekly notices give you specific prayer topics which you can focus on in your daily prayer times at home. The 'Prayer for Renewal' is an ecumenical prayer which has been written jointly with the other churches in our area to be used regularly by all our believers.

We cannot stress strongly enough how important prayer is to the daily life of our church, and we would encourage more people to join a prayer group or even start up their own prayer cell. Praying together is vital - *James 5 v16 "the prayers of a righteous man are powerful and effective", 1 Thessalonians 5 v17,18 "...pray continually ... for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."* Amen

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Harvest Festival Sunday 28th September

A village Harvest Festival Celebration at St Andrews Church at 10.15am.

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

Hard of Hearing? if you are unable to hear during the service, please raise your hand to draw attention to the speaker and steward

Email addresses: if you are a new member to the church and would like to receive your notices by email, please send your request to [**morvawhite@supanet.com**](mailto:morvawhite@supanet.com)

Please send any items for the weekly notices by Friday afternoon to [**morvawhite@supanet.com**](mailto:morvawhite@supanet.com)

PHAKAMISA Christmas Cards This year's cards are available to order now. Please have a look at the designs in the foyer and add your order to the form provided. Orders will be forwarded piecemeal to reduce the risk of stocks of some designs running out. All cards contain the same greeting and all the packs will contain 10 cards of the same design. Packs are all priced at £3.50. Your order will then be available for collection from Sunday 26th October. If you have any queries, please speak to Janet.

