

SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 7th December 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

10.30 am	Keith Osborn (HC)
3.00 pm	Christmas Carol service at Longcot with Keith Osborn (tea & mince pies afterwards)
Steward	Linda Hood
Door	Lynn Pembroke
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Lynn Pembroke/M White
Creche	Nicki Norris

Prayers this week

Circuit Church: Shrivenham & Longcot

Rota: Staff and Governors in our local schools

Local Roads: Sandhill, Stallpits Road

Services next Sunday 14th December

10.30 am	Revd George Nuttall
6.30 pm	Village Carols round the tree
Steward	Janet Mawer
Door	Ian Brodie
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Ian Brodie/Phil Bunce
Creche	Bob Mawer
Flowers	Pam Mullin
Garden	Ian Brodie

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

BAVAS at Longcot

Hymn practice 8pm at Stella's

Saturday 13th

Prayer breakfast 8.30 in front room
Cafe Inspire

Food Hampers for Salvation Army: Simone Pillay from the village is again organising food hampers for the Salvation Army this year and she has asked if members of the Methodist Church could donate non-perishable food items to help her make another bumper number of much needed hampers. Amazingly she made up 100 last year and still had some food to spare for their centres. Suggestions for suitable items:

Cans such as veg, baked beans, fruit, tomatoes, soups, rice, dried pasta, pasta sauces, dried soup packets, cereals, biscuits, chocolates, sweets, dried fruit snacks, or anything else you can think of!!

There will be a box in the vestibule from this Sunday until after morning service on 14th December, so please help if you can. I know the Salvation Army will be so grateful for our help, as will Simone.

If you have any queries please ask Lynn Pembroke.

Remember: Fish Group 1 Christmas Social - Monday 15th December at Lynn Pembroke's home

A reminder to you all -

- (1) As usual we ask that instead of sending Christmas cards to each other, we place one card on the table in the foyer and put a donation of money saved towards Action For Children.
- (2) The Mince Pie Fund is open! For every mince pie you consume over the next few weeks we hope you will make a donation to Phakamisa - money will be collected after the holiday. Happy eating!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Christmas Dates:

Carols round the tree - 6.30pm Sunday 14th December (with Keith taking part) after the Christingle Service at St Andrews at 5.45pm

Afternoon Carol Service - Wednesday 17th December, 2.15pm at Methodist Church

Carol Singing at Sainsburys - Wednesday 17th December 6.00-8.00pm

Carol Singing outside the Co-op Saturday 20th December at 10.00am

Our own Family Carol Service - Sunday 21st December, 10.30am at Methodist Church

St Andrew's Carol Service - Sunday 21st December, 6.30pm at St Andrew's

Other Dates:

Membership Course - as promised by Keith at the ACM, in the New Year he is putting together a 4-session Membership Course (open to all, not just those who are not Methodists)! The dates are 5 Jan, 26 Jan, 2 Feb, 16 Feb. Pam will give you more details as soon as she has them.

Next Worship Consultation - Tuesday 6th January at Stella's

Saturday 24th January - Bible Study day at Highworth Methodist Church - *Finding God Through the Psalms* with Revd Dr Knut Heim

Next Church Council Meeting - Tuesday 24th February

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

Notices will be sent out on Thursday 11th December next week and will be for the whole of the Christmas and New Year period so please send any items for these notices in good time to morvawhite@supanet.com