

## SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 10th December 2017

Welcome to our Church

Our Website: [www.shrivenhammethodistchurch.co.uk](http://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 10th December

10.30 am Revd Jan Partridge (HC)

6.30 pm Carols round the tree

Steward  
Door

Organ Stella Tidmarsh  
Readers Paul Holloway/Mike Bathe  
Creche Wendy Pearcey  
Flowers Michelle Holloway  
Garden Tony Belk

### Prayers this week

**Circuit: Braydon**

**Rota:** Our own outreach and youth work - Refreshers, Cafe Inspire, Sunday Club, Coffee Shop, Songs & Stories for Children, Longcot T-time Fellowship

**Local Roads:** Vicarage Lane, Hazell's Lane, Catherine Close, Canon Hills Gardens

### Services for next Sunday 17th December

10.30 am Adam Longhurst

6.30 pm Service at St Andrews

Steward Gill & Paul Sharpe  
Door Ian Brodie  
Organ Stella Tidmarsh  
Readers Ian Brodie/Tony Belk  
Creche Lynn Pembroke  
Flowers Christmas Tree  
Garden Lynn Pembroke

### Events this Week

**Monday 11th**

11th (final) Alpha meeting 7-9 pm

**Tuesday 12th**

Refreshers - 8.30 am in front room

**Wednesday 13th**

Songs & Stories for children 9.00

**Thursday 14th**

TreeFest 10.00 - 12.30

Eileen's Celebration Service 3.45

Prayer meeting 6.30 pm

**Friday 15th**

TreeFest 10.00-12.30

**Saturday 16th**

Prayer breakfast 8.30 am

TreeFest & Children's Workshop

**Eileen** - There will be a Service of Celebration for Eileen's life in the church on Thursday 14th December at 3.45pm. Refreshments will be available after the service in the back hall. Savouries and mince pies will be provided but if a couple of people could provide some cake and help with serving teas, Wendy would be very grateful. If you are coming please wear bright colours! You are all welcome.

### **Time for our special Christmas notices!**

**Christmas Cards** - as usual, a small Christmas tree will be in the foyer for your Christmas cards to Church members, then give donations to Action for Children with the money you have saved.

**Mince Pie Fund** - The fund is now open - If you would like to take part, you put a donation aside for every mince pie you eat up to Christmas. Your donations will then be collected after Christmas and sent to Phakamisa.

**And speaking about Mince Pies - we need lots for:**

- TreeFest (see below), 14th, 15th, 16th December
- Afternoon Carol Service on Wednesday 20th December
- Open Church on 21st, 22nd and 23rd December
- Morning Carol service on Sunday 24th December

**Christmas Tree Festival - TreeFest** - This festival will be on display at our Church on Thursday 14th, Friday 15th and Saturday 16th of December, from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm. Please come along and encourage others to come along as well. Enjoy looking at the trees, have a coffee and mince pie. All proceeds are going to the charity **Action for Children**. How well do you know your Christmas Carols? The trees will be decorated in the themes of Carols! Do you think you can guess which carol each tree is depicting?

**Also**, on the Saturday morning (16th December) there is a children's workshop when we will help children make Christmas Table Decorations. There will be a charge of £5 per child (monies to Church Fundraising), but please try and book with Linda (783152) in advance. Refreshments will be provided.

**and a request from St Andrews:** Jayne Morris is looking for a female volunteer to help set up for the Thursday Toddler Group in St Andrew's Church on Wednesday evenings from 5 - 6pm starting in January. Please contact Jayne: [mrsjaynemorris@gmail.com](mailto:mrsjaynemorris@gmail.com)  
The group runs from 8.45 - 11am on Thursdays during school terms.

**Prayer before Service** - is still continuing for 15 minutes before our morning service.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

2nd Oct - 11th Dec - Alpha Course - Monday evenings 7.00 - 9.00  
10th December - Carols Round the Tree  
14th, 15th, 16th December - Christmas Tree Festival - Tree Fest  
20th December - Village Afternoon Carol Service at SMC 2.15 pm  
21st/22nd/23rd December - church open 10.00-12 noon  
23rd December - carols outside Shrevenham Co-Op 10.00 am in aid of Phakamisa charity  
24th December - NO evening service  
31st December - NO evening service  
8th January - Worship Consultation meeting at Stella's - 7.45 pm  
10th January - Local Preachers & Worship Leaders meeting - Royal Wootton Bassett  
28th January - Joint Covenant service  
3rd February - Bible Study Day at Highworth MC 10.00-4.00 - led by Revd Bev Thomas on 'Who do you see in the Kingdom of God?'  
1st March - Church Council Meeting

### **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 for next week: [morvawhite@supanet.com](mailto:morvawhite@supanet.com)