

SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 11th September 2016

Welcome to our Church

Our Website: 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 11th September

10.30 am Revd Keith Osborn (HC)

6.30 pm Phil Bunce

Steward	Robin Christian
Door	Ian Brodie
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Ian Brodie/Nicki Norris
Creche	Lynn Pembroke
Flowers	Gill Sharpe
Garden	Stella Tidmarsh

Prayers this week

Circuit: Braydon

Rota: Medical care and support locally - Helen & Douglas Houses Prospect Hospice & volunteers Fitzwarren House, GWH, Elm Tree Surgery

Local Roads: Those members living outside Shrivenham in Ashbury, Bourton, Highworth, Longcot, Watchfield, Swindon

Services for next Sunday 18th September

10.30 am Robin Phoenix-Stone

2.30 pm *Circuit Camp Service at Braydon

Steward	Gill/Paul Sharpe
Door	Barbara Hawgood
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	John Winskill/Lynn Pembroke
Creche	Nicki Norris
Flowers	Lynn Pembroke
Garden	Ian Brodie

Events this Week

Monday 12th

Stewards/leaders team meeting

Tuesday 13th

Refreshers 8.30 am

Prayer for our Nation 7-8

Wednesday 14th

Songs & Stories for children 9.00

Joint stewards mtg with St Andrews

Thursday 15th

Prayer meeting 7pm in front room

Friday 16th

Hymn Practice at Stella's 8.00 pm

Saturday 17th

Prayer breakfast 8.30 in front room

TEA IN THE GARDEN - at Wendy Smith's this Sunday - 10 Coffin Close, Highworth (off Westrop just past the Methodist Church) from 3 pm

Circuit Camp Service - Sunday, 18th September. The theme will be outreach – with a need to expand God's Kingdom, to increase our enthusiasm by bringing us together to increase, enliven and uplift our desire to take the wonderful spirit of Jesus further into our communities. Thoughts will be centred around the Good Samaritan and the road to Emmaus. Gates will open at 12.30pm for a hog roast. The tent celebration service will follow at 2.30pm for approximately two hours, depending on how the Spirit leads. Seating will be provided. Young, talented musicians, along with those who

have extreme talent on piano and electric organ will accompany, with choral voices to lead our singing.

The venue will be the recreation ground or playing fields behind the old Methodist Chapel in Brinkworth village (postcode SN15 5AG) where new amenities have recently been put in place, so electricity, toilets, kitchen and ample parking are all available to us. The location will be signposted on the B4042 approximately 4.5 miles from Royal Wootton Bassett, heading towards Malmesbury. Posters and fliers will be distributed within the Circuit and Phil Neville would like to visit your church to offer a personal invitation and enthusiastically outline the arrangements for the day. Local churches of other denominations have been invited to join us, along with youth groups, young farmers' clubs, vintage and veteran machinery clubs, etc. so we anticipate a joyous union, an uplifting of spirits and a will to join in raising the profile and presence of Jesus in our lives and to carry it forward into the lives of others.

The Chairman of the District, Rev Dr Jonathan Pye, will be joining us, as will Rev Keith Osborn, Rev Rachael Wilson and Rev David Perkins who in particular, will act as the service leader and master of ceremonies for the day.

Braydon Chapel has offered itself to God, through its congregation, in organising this event. Please come and join us and we ask you to try, wherever possible, to invite someone you know who possibly hasn't found our Lord as yet, to come and share in the fun and uplifting of spirits on this special day and maybe our Lord will fill those hearts yet empty, with the wondrous spirit that has been found by us. (copied from circuit newsletter)

Connexion - Summer edition of the Connexion Magazine is available in the foyer - inspiring stories of the Methodist Church

Ride and Stride - This Saturday - thanks to all those helping and taking part

BIBLES: there are three Bibles at church that belonged to Joyce Walters and are surplus to requirements. One is an NEB, one is a Jerusalem Bible and the other, I think is a KJV. Any one who would like one can collect from Bob Mawer.

CHURCH FLOWERS - The leadership team has decided to reinstate the flower ministry which used to operate in the church. Flowers used to decorate the church on Sunday will be distributed to people (either church or village) who are ill, lonely or who would just like to receive some flowers. We would value your input in this process. There is a page in the prayer request book in the foyer where we hope you will put suggestions of who might like to receive the flowers.

Phakamisa Christmas cards are now available to order. There are 4 designs this year, all priced at £3.50 per pack of 10 (all of the same design). They are displayed in the foyer - order form nearby for people to fill in. Orders will be submitted as they are received to minimise the risk of disappointment. Completed orders will be available for collection at church from 23rd October.

ALPHA Exciting times ahead with another Alpha course hosted at our Church, again jointly run by the churches of Shrivenham. This is an evening course starting on the 3rd October. Keep an eye out for more details shortly but if you want to know more, have a chat with Gill, Paul or Janet.

Also if anyone fancies providing supper let Gill know on the email

gillnpaul.sharpe@btinternet.com or catch her at Church

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10th September - Ride & Stride for Oxfordshire Churches

11th September - Tea in the Garden at Wendy Smith's

12th September - Stewards/Leadership Team meeting (7.30 pm)

13th September - Prayer for our Nation mtg 7-8 pm

14th September - Joint Stewards meeting with St Andrews (2.30 pm)

18th September - Camp Service at Braydon (see details in Circuit Newsletter and poster now being displayed)

25th September - Joint Harvest Festival service at St Andrews with buffet lunch at the Gulshan Brasserie afterwards (tickets from St Andrews in aid of their church funds)

3rd October - new Alpha course starts

16th October - Circuit Day speaker/Bible Study - Revd Graham Horsley on 'Fresh Expressions' - Highworth MC

1st November - Church Council/ACM 7.30 pm

21st January 2017 - Circuit Day speaker/Bible Study - Revd Paul Wilson on 'Ezekiel: Seeking Spiritual Renewal' - Royal Wootton Bassett

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

PLEASE NOTE:

Please send anything to be included in the notices to: morvawhite@supanet.com by Thursday.