

## SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 18th September 2016

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 18th September

10.30 am	Robin Phoenix-Stone
2.30 pm	Circuit Camp Service at Braydon (see below)
Steward	Gill/Paul Sharpe
Door	Barbara Hawgood
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	John Winskill/Lynn Pembroke
Creche	Nicki Norris
Flowers	Linda Hood
Garden	Ian Brodie

### Prayers this week

**Circuit:** Cricklade

**Rota:** Wider medical care and support - hospital chaplains and volunteers, home carers, all emergency and support services

**Local Roads:** Those people known personally to us

### Services for next Sunday 25th September

10.15 am	United Harvest Festival at St Andrews
6.30 pm	Revd Keith Osborn (HC)
Steward	Stella Tidmarsh
Door	Mike Bathe
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh (evening)
Readers	Mike Bathe
Creche	N/A
Flowers	N/A
Garden	Tony Belk

### Events this Week

#### **Monday 19th**

Fish Group 1 Bible Study

#### **Tuesday 20th**

Refreshers 8.30 am

#### **Wednesday 21st**

Songs & Stories for children 9.00

#### **Thursday 22nd**

Prayer meeting 7pm in front room

#### **Friday 23rd**

Prayer for Nation 5-6pm St Andrews  
Hymn Practice at Stella's 8.00 pm

#### **Saturday 24th**

Prayer breakfast 8.30 in front room

**Circuit Camp Service - this Sunday - lifts available - ask a Steward -** The theme is 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)

**Harvest Festival next week** - help needed with putting flower display together at St Andrews Friday morning, or contributions of flowers/greenery etc. Also, If anyone would like to join friends from St Andrew's for their Harvest Festival Buffet Lunch at The Gulshan Brasserie on Sunday 25th, Stella has tickets, price £10.

**\*Prayer for our Nation** - an hour of prayer led by the Prayer Team at St Andrews - 5-6 pm

**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** - course hosted at our Church, again jointly run by the churches of Shrivenham. Starts on the 3rd October. Please pray for the course, those attending and those helping.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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

Friday 23rd September - Prayer for our Nation at St Andrews - 5-6 pm  
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 - 12th December - Alpha course  
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  
Friday 3rd March 2017 - Women's World Day of Prayer Service at Shrivenham Methodist Church

### 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](mailto:morvawhite@supanet.com)  
by Thursday.