

SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 18th/25th March

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 - 18th March

10.30 am	Liesel Parkinson
4.00 pm	Safeguarding Course with Emily Young
Steward	Linda Hood
Door	Mike Bathe
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Mike Bathe/Tony Belk
Creche	Sue Colyer
Flowers	Stella Tidmarsh
Garden	Tony Belk

Services for next Sunday 25th March

Palm Sunday procession 9.45 at SMC for 10.15 service at St Andrews

6.30 pm	Reflection with Stella Tidmarsh
Steward	Robin Christian
Door	Phil Bunce
Reader	Phil Bunce
Garden	Janet Mawer

Good Friday Service - 9.30 am

Steward: Linda Door: Sue Readers: Sue & Nicki Coffee: Nicki & Barbara

Services for Easter Sunday 1st April

10.30 am	Revd Mike Dilly (HC)
3.00 pm	Ecumenical Service at Longcot
Steward	Linda Hood
Door	Harold Taylor

Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Harold Taylor/Pam Mullin
NO creche or Sunday Club	
Garden	Harold Taylor

NB 'Tea Round the Fire' at Stella's Sunday 25th March - donations to

Prayers this week & next

Circuit: 18th - Braydon

25th - Highworth/Blunsdon

Rota (1) Our own outreach - Coffee Shop, Refreshers, Cafe Inspire, Sunday Club, Songs & Stories, Longcot T-time Fellowship

(2) All churches & fellowships in this area

Roads (1) Vicarage Lane, Hazell's Canon Hills Gdns, Catherine Close

(2) Stainswick Lane, Glebe Stoneleigh, Charlotte Close, Sandy Lane

Events this Week & Next

Monday 19th

10th Alpha & Banner Group mtg
Fish Group 1 meet at Taylor's

Tuesday 20th

Refreshers - 8.30 am in front room

Wednesday 21st

Songs & Stories for Children

Thursday 22nd

Prayer meeting 6.30 pm

Friday 23rd

T-time Fellowship at Longcot
Hymn Practice at Stella's 8pm

Saturday 24th

Prayer breakfast 8.30 am

Monday 26th

Final Alpha meeting 10-12
Worship Consultation meeting
Church Council Mtg 7.30*

Tuesday 27th

Refreshers - 8.30 am

Wednesday 28th

Songs & Stories for children

Thursday 29th

Prayer meeting 6.30

Friday 30th - GOOD FRIDAY

Service at 9.30 am

The Shack - HMC 7.00 pm

Down's Syndrome Association

Saturday 31st

Prayer breakfast 8.30 am
decorating church from 10.00

Final Alpha meeting on 26th March - please now pray for those who have taken part, that their lives will be changed and their relationship with the Lord will grow.

Church Council Meeting - (the one we postponed from 1 March) is now on Monday 26th March - Agenda and minutes were attached to notices of 23rd February but have attached again!

Easter Flowers - Please come along at 10.00 am on Easter Saturday and help decorate the church with flowers for Easter, or, alternatively you could speak to Linda about donating flowers, or money to buy flowers.

Safeguarding Course - There is no evening service on the 18th. Instead, a Safeguarding course will be run by Emily from 4.00 pm. Linda has sent an invitation out to everyone who needs to attend (but she has not included those who have a DBS for transporting Ian as she presumes they will not wish to renew their DBS).

Open-the-Book - Can you help us Open the Book at Shrivenham School?

Open the Book is a simple and fun way of sharing Bible stories with children in primary schools. We tell the stories using a prepared script and a few simple costumes - no prior learning or acting experience required! If you have half an hour to spare, please come along to Shrivenham School at 2.30 on Wednesday 21 March to find out more - see www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book. This project will be subject to normal safer recruitment requirements. Or contact Emily Young: fwstalbans@gmail.com / 07422 972943

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8th Jan - 26th March - next Alpha - 10.00-12.00 at SMC

14th Feb - 24th March - **Lent in the Anglican Church - Film nights** -

- 25th March at 6 pm "Blade runner 2", St Andrew's

18th March - Emily Young to read course on Safeguarding Training at 4.00 pm instead of our evening service

19th March - Banner Group meeting - venue tbc

25th March - 'Tea Round the Fire' at Stella's - marking the end of 'Down's Awareness Week' so donations will go towards Down's Syndrome Association

26th March - Worship Consultation meeting

30th March - GOOD FRIDAY - showing of *The Shack* at Highworth MC at 7.00 pm

20th May - Pentecost - launch of 3-year programme looking at Holy Habits at the Circuit Service

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 Thursday 29th March please for the next week
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