

## SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 21st February 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 21st February (Lent 2)

10.30 am	Adrian German
6.30 pm	Revd Keith Osborn (HC)
Steward	Linda Hood
Door	Ian Brodie
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Ian Brodie/Mike Bathe
Creche	Lynn Pembroke
Flowers	Lynn Pembroke
Garden	Harold Taylor

### Payers this week

**Circuit:** Westlea

**Rota:** Those suffering from addiction, and financial & housing problems locally - remembering Salvation Army at Gloucester and Booth houses and Swindon Food Bank

Local Roads: Station Road, West End

### Services for next Sunday 28th February (Lent 3)

10.30 am	Revd George Nuttall
6.30 pm	Adrian German
Steward	Robin Christian
Door	Nicki Norris
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Nicki Norris/Robin Christian
Creche	Bob Mawer
Flowers	Morva White
Coffee	Stella Tidmarsh/Linda Hood
Garden	Lynn Pembroke

### Events this Week

#### **Monday 22nd**

Morning Alpha Course

#### **Tuesday 23rd**

Refreshers 8.30 am

#### **Wednesday 24th**

Songs & Stories from 8.45 am

#### **Thursday 25th**

2nd Lent meeting, 7.30 in SMC  
Prayer meeting 7pm in front room

#### **Friday 26th**

Longcot Friday Fellowship\*  
Hymn Practice, Stella's 8pm

#### **Saturday 27th**

Prayer breakfast 8.30 in front room\*  
Longcot Coffee Morning 10.15am

**Church lunch this Sunday** for those who have signed up.

\***Longcot Friday Fellowship** - 26th February at 1.45pm - have fun listening to and making your own music (we 'do our own thing' in February to avoid having to ask a speaker to come out in possibly bad weather). Everyone welcome to join in for a relaxed and light-hearted session with an Easter flavour.

**Saturday 27th - Longcot Coffee Morning** 10.15am - in aid of 'Help Musicians UK' - the charity which helps musicians of all traditions when they fall on hard times or suffer injury. Do come and enjoy a chat over coffee and biscuits.

**Saturday Prayer Breakfast** - we have just started to look at the Book of Proverbs. Perhaps you would like to join us for a short Bible Study, time of prayer for our Churches and Community, followed by coffee and hot croissants.

**Womens World Day of Prayer - Friday 4th March - 2.15 at Ashbury Free Church** - This year the service is prepared by the women of Cuba. Everyone is welcome to in this annual service - it is not just for women. The title of this year's service is 'Receive Children, Receive Me.' And, if you are not able to come, then please pray for those leading and those attending - both here and all around the world.

**Urgent Plea:** with 2 of our members temporarily incapacitated we are down to only **3 Creche Helpers.** Please, if you could volunteer to fill the gap, talk to Helen Taylor or one of the Stewards.

**Tuesday 23rd February** - Prayer Meeting at 10 Damson Trees (Steve Jack's house) from 7-8 pm to intercess for our Nation. This meeting is open to all Christians in the Village. If you would like further information please talk to Bob Mawer about this campaign.

**An Evening with Stuart Townend** - Stuart Townend is visiting Swindon on the 19th April at St Joseph's College. Tickets are available from the Lighthouse Bookshop, Highworth or the Rainbow bookshop, Swindon or just talk to Wendy. £15 full price or £12 for under 16s. People helping at the event will get a free ticket. If you know somewhere that you can put up posters or some flyers please let Wendy know.

**ECUMENICAL LENTEN COURSE** - this year will take the form of 3 talks, to be held at our Church from 7.30-9.00 pm. Thursday 11th February - Mission and Ministry in the Forces with Rhett & Liesel Parkinson. Thursday 25th February - Personal prayer (looking at how particular prayer styles best fit out personality) with Canon Richard Hancock. Thursday 10th March - The story of the hospice movement (a story of people and how they can come together to create something amazing) with Revd Norma Fergusson.

**PIANO needs a good home** - the church piano is no longer needed so if you or someone you know would like it, please contact one of the stewards. The swing top waste bin is also no longer of use if anyone would like it.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Alpha Course for 11 weeks from Monday (am) 11th January - 21st March

Lent Course - 25th February, 10th March

Women's World Day of Prayer - Friday 4th March - Ashbury Free Church

Sunday 20th March - Palm Sunday - parade to St Andrews and united service at 10.15 am

Friday 25th March - Good Friday service - 9.30 am

Sunday 27th March - Easter Sunday

## **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.