

## SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 21st January 2018

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 January

10.30 am Lou Ashford

6.30 pm Revd Jan Partridge

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| Steward | Gill & Paul Sharpe |
| Door    | Tony Belk          |
| Organ   | Stella Tidmarsh    |
| Readers | Tony Belk/H Taylor |
| Creche  | Wendy Pearcey      |
| Flowers | Claire Saunders    |
| Garden  | Tony Belk          |

### Services for next Sunday 28th January

10.30 am Joint Covenant service with  
St Andrews here, led by Richard Hancock

6.30 pm Pam Mullin

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| Steward | Janet Mawer              |
| Door    | Sue Colyer               |
| Organ   | Stella Tidmarsh          |
| Readers | Sue Colyer/Lynn Pembroke |
| Creche  | Bob Mawer                |
| Flowers | Helen Taylor             |
| Garden  | Tony Belk                |

### Prayers this week

**Circuit:** Shaw

**Rota:** Medical care and support locally - Helen & Douglas Houses Fitzwarren House, GWH, Elmtree surgery

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

### Events this Week

#### **Monday 22nd**

3rd Alpha meeting 10-12.15

#### **Tuesday 23rd**

Refreshers - 8.30 am in front room

#### **Wednesday 24th**

Songs & Stories for Children

#### **Thursday 25th**

Circuit Meeting at Cricklade - 7.30\*

Prayer meeting 6.30 pm

#### **Friday 26th**

T-time Fellowship at Longcot

Hymn practice - Stella's 8.00 pm

#### **Saturday 27th**

Prayer Breakfast - front room 8.30

#### **\*Circuit Meeting - Thursday 25th**

This is a meeting for all of us - being held at Cricklade Church at 7.30pm. It is primarily to discuss the latest situation of the Upper Thames Circuit and its future options. Both Revd Dr Jonathan Pye (Chairman of the Bristol Methodist District) and Revd David Perkins (acting Superintendent of our Circuit) will be there to hear our concerns - we have already discussed these in our own pastoral groups - and this is an opportunity to express them at circuit level.

The **new Alpha meetings are running** - Monday mornings 8th January to 26th March (10.00-12.15). Please continue to pray for those taking part, leading and helping.

**Circuit Bible Study Day - 3rd February - Highworth MC - 10.00 to 4.00** There are posters and leaflets around with details of this excellent Bible Study Day. The guest speaker is Bev Thomas, and she will be asking the question “who do you see in the Kingdom of God?”, based on John’s picture of God’s Kingdom in Revelation chapter 7.

The new **Connexion** magazine is now out. Please take a copy from the foyer.

### **News from St Albans:**

A call to all parents of children under 11! Being a parent is wonderful, but also really hard work. A ***Care for the Family Parentalk*** weekly course will be starting on Wednesday 31st January at St Albans - 12.45 - 2.45. The charge will be £5 per person (to cover cost of course books and refreshments). Pre-school children are welcome to come along too. Contact [fwstalbans@gmail.com](mailto:fwstalbans@gmail.com) or phone Emily on 07422 972943 for more information.

**HEBRON** - “A Gospel Musical with a distinctly Jewish flavour” - Highworth MC, Friday 9th February at 7.30 pm. Poster attached. Admission by FREE tickets available from HMC and the Lighthouse Bookshop. Further information from Lou Ashford 01793 201703

**Len Pryor** - Len’s funeral will be at 12.00 noon on Tuesday 23rd January at St Andrew’s church, followed by a private committal at the Crematorium.

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

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

8th Jan - 26th March - next Alpha - 10.00-12.15 at SMC  
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?’  
9th February - Gospel Music *Hebron* - Highworth MC 7.30 pm  
25th February - church lunch  
1st March - Church Council Meeting  
2nd March - Women’s World Day of Prayer Service - 2.15 pm at Free Church, Ashbury  
14th February - 24th March - Lent - information re Lent Studies to follow  
26th March - Worship Consultation 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)