

SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 22nd November 2015

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 22nd November

10.30 am	Led by Group 1 (Singing the Faith hymn book)
6.30 pm	Revd David Perkins
Steward	Robin Christian
Door	Sue Colyer
Organ	Digital Hymnal
Readers	Group 1
Creche	Sue Colyer

Prayers this week

Circuit: Westlea

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

Local Roads: Those living outside Shrivenham - Ashbury, Bourton, Highworth, Longcot, Watchfield

Services for next Sunday 29th November

10.30 am	Andrew Fleet
6.30 pm	Lou Ashford
Steward	Pam Mullin
Door	Nicki Norris
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Sue Colyer/Lynn Pembroke
Creche	Nicki Norris
Coffee	Linda Christian/Sue Colyer
Flowers	Morva White
Garden	Janet Mawer

Events this Week

Monday 23rd

8th Alpha meeting 7.00 pm

Tuesday 24th

Refreshers 8.30 am in front room

Wednesday 25th

Thursday 26th

Prayer meeting front room, 8pm

Friday 27th

Longcot Friday Fellowship*

Hymn Practice at Stella's 8pm

Saturday 28th

Prayer breakfast 8.30 in front room

Longcot Coffee Morning*

***Friday Fellowship at Longcot** - Harold is taking us on a 'virtual trip' to some 'imperial cities'. Tea & biscuits afterwards - all welcome. **Saturday Longcot Coffee Morning** in Longcot Chapel in aid of Action for Children.

Once again this year, Wendy Smith is going to be ordering some 'The Real Advent Calendar' for the Sunday Club. This is a Christian Advent calendar, with Fairtrade chocolate, and a little Nativity story book. If anybody would like me to order any extras, please let me know. They are £3.99 each.

Christmas Care 2015 - we are supporting Christmas Care this Christmas providing shelter and food for the homeless at Queens Drive Methodist Church. A box for your donations of non-perishable food or clothing (clean adult winter clothing and footwear in good condition) will be left under the table in the foyer. Please put any non-food donations in bags to help with carrying. (There is more information about Christmas Care 2015 on the leaflet attached to the November Circuit Newsletter I sent out earlier)

Alpha Course 8th session on Monday evening (23rd November) at 7.00 pm with supper. Please continue to pray for the those attending, and for those leading the sessions.

Blunsdon have asked us to advertise their Christmas Gift and Crafts Fair and Santa's Grotto on 5th December - 2-5pm in Blunsdon Village Hall.

Songs and Stories – new for 2016 (the following was advertised at the last Cafe Inspire):

"A new Wednesday fun morning group for babies, toddlers and pre-school children is starting on 6 January. There will be nursery rhymes, action songs and stories for the children, followed by a healthy snack, with some small toys to play with. Coffee or tea will then be available for the adults.

Songs and Stories will be held in the front rooms of the Methodist Church for about an hour. Doors will be open from 8.45 am, with the first sessions beginning at about 9.05 am to cater for those adults who drop older children off at school or playgroup. There will be no charge, but a small donation to cover drinks/snacks would be appreciated but not essential.

It is hoped that in due course some parents/carers may want to contribute a song or story themselves, or to help out with the catering. Of course, this would be entirely up to you! So do come along with your children and enjoy Songs and Stories on a Wednesday."

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 5th-7th December - jointly organised Alpha Course at SMC

Christmas/New Year Dates:

Crib Fest - 10, 11 and 12 December in the mornings

Carols round the tree - 13 December

Afternoon Carol Service - Wednesday 16 December at 2.15 pm

Carol singing outside Sainsburys - Thursday 17 December 6-8 pm (in aid of Action for Children)

Carol singing outside the Co-op - Saturday 19 December

Family Carol Service - Sunday 20 December at 10.30 am

Church open for coffee & mince pies - mornings of 22, 23 and 24 December 10-12 noon

**NO Christmas Eve evening service - but there will be a 'Silent Communion' taking place in the morning when the church is open from 10-12 noon (further information to follow)

(NO evening service on Sunday 27 December)

Ecumenical Covenant Service at SMC - Sunday 3 January 10.30 am

Longcot Ecumenical Service - Sunday 3 January 3.00 pm

(NO evening service at Shrivenham Sunday 3 January)

Worship Consultation Meeting - Tuesday 5th January - 7.30 at Stella's

Bible Study 2016 - Saturday 23rd January with Revd Steve Wild (President of the Methodist Conference)

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 will be out on Friday next week so please contact Morva by next Friday morning: morvawhite@supanet.com if there is anything to include