

# SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 27th November 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 27th November (Advent 1)

10.30 am	Ann Coventry
6.30 pm	Phil Bunce
Steward	Robin Christian
Door	Morva White
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Wendy Smith/Paul Holloway
Creche	Nicki Norris
Flowers	Michelle Holloway
Coffee	Barbara Hawgood/Stella Tidmarsh
Garden	Harold Taylor

## Prayers this week

**Circuit:** MHA Fitzwarren House

**Rota:** Our Minister/Circuit Superintendent, other Circuit Ministers, local preachers, worship leaders, church leadership teams

**Local Roads:** Fairthorne Way  
Mortree Court, Charlbury Road  
Cowleaze, Chapelwick

## Services next Sunday 4th December (Advent 2)

10.30 am	Revd Keith Osborn (HC)
6.30 pm	Phil Bunce
Steward	Robin Christian
Door	Mike Bathe
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Mike Bathe/Phil Bunce
Creche	Linda Hood
Flowers	Linda Hood
Garden	Stella Tidmarsh

## Events this Week

### **Monday 28th**

Ninth Alpha Session 7.00 pm

### **Tuesday 29th**

Refreshers - 8.30am in front room

### **Wednesday 30th**

Songs & Stories for children 9.00

### **Thursday 1st**

Prayer meeting 7pm in front room

### **Friday 2nd**

Hymn Practice at Stella's 8.00 pm

### **Saturday 3rd**

Prayer breakfast 8.30 in front room

Coffee Shop - Group 2

Prayer time for lay worker: As prayer is the focus of all our work in the church, it is proposed that we hold a short prayer meeting on alternate Sunday mornings leading up to Christmas, starting this week, 20th November. We will be praying for wisdom and guidance as we try to ascertain God's plan for our church in the way of lay work.

Our minister, Keith, has asked for this to be held at 10.00 am for 15 minutes. Please come to church a little bit early and join us in the crèche area at the front of the church to pray.

**Mince Pies** - loads needed please - for the refreshments at the Cribfest (8th/9th/10th December), following the village carol service on 14th December and for refreshments when the church is open on the mornings of 22nd/23rd/24th December.

**ALPHA** - course hosted at our Church, jointly run by the churches of Shrivenham - eighth meeting. Please continue to pray for the course, those attending and those helping.

### **Notes from stewards meeting on 22.11.16**

Janet and Linda have taken on the role of joint senior steward, initially for a year.

We would like to say a big 'Thank You!' to Harold for refurbishing our sign, it looks so much better now.

All key holders will be asked to sign a key holder declaration form in the near future.

Volunteers are needed to help with the various activities in December - there are forms on the keyboard at the back of the church.

Volunteers are needed to help Paul tune in the sound system, please speak to him if you can help.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

3rd October - 12th December - Alpha course

8th/9th/10th December - Crib Fest in Church - 10.00-12.30 pm

11th December - Christingle and Carols round the Tree

14th December - Afternoon Village Carol Service at SMC

15th December - Carols outside Sainsburys for NCH - 6.00-8.00 pm

17th December - Carols outside Co-op 10.00 am

18th December - Family Carol Service

18th December - Carols by Candlelight at St Andrews - 6.30 pm

22nd, 23rd, 24th December - church open from 10-00-12 noon

24th December (Saturday) - Silent Communion at 11.15 am

25th December - Christmas Day service led by worship leaders

25th December - NO evening service

1st January - NO service at Longcot

8th January - joint Covenant Service

11th January - Local Preachers & Worship Leaders meeting - SMC 7.30

21st January - Circuit Day speaker/Bible Study - Revd Paul Wilson on 'Ezekiel: Seeking Spiritual Renewal' - Royal Wootton Bassett

Friday 3rd March - Women's World Day of Prayer Service at Shrivenham 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.