

SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 2nd December 2018

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 2nd December

10.30 am	Revd Keith Osborn (HC)
3.00 pm	Ecumenical Advent Carol Service at Longcot
Steward	Linda Hood
Door	Phil Bunce
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Phil Bunce/Pam Mullin
Creche	Wendy Pearcey
Flowers	Morva White
Coffee:	Janet & Bob
Garden	Stella Tidmarsh

Services for next Sunday 9th December

10.30 am	Lou Ashford
6.30 pm	Revd Keith Osborn (HC)
Steward	Janet Mawer
Door	Val Pettefar
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Val Pettefar/Tony Belk
Creche	Sue Colyer
Flowers	Lynn Pembroke
Coffee	?
Garden	Tony Belk

Prayers this week

Circuit: Abbey Meads

Rota: Children's education and care worldwide - especially Phakamisa Educare

Local Roads: Marten's Road, Marten's Close, Damson Trees, Forrest Close, Farleigh Road

Events this Week

Monday 3rd

10th Alpha meeting 7 pm

Tuesday 4th

Refreshers - 8.30 am in front room
Revival Prayer meeting 7-8 pm

Wednesday 5th

Songs & Stories for Children 9.00
Fish Group 2 Christmas Social

Thursday 6th

Prayer meeting 6.30 pm

Friday 7th

Morning prayers 7.30 am in foyer
Hymn practice at Stella's 8pm

Saturday 8th

Prayer Breakfast in front room 8.30
Cafe Inspire

Advent Carol Service at Longcot, 3.00 pm on Sunday - a good way of starting the Advent season in preparation for Christmas so do come along if you can.

Time for our special Christmas notices!

Christmas Cards -as usual, a small Christmas tree will be in the foyer for your Christmas cards to Church members, so you can give donations to Action for Children with the money you have saved.

Mince Pies - just to remind you that mince pies are needed for the Crib Fest, Afternoon Carol Service, Open mornings on 22nd & 24th, and Carol Service on 23rd, please.

and talking of mince pies - we have a Mince Pie Fund - If you would like to take part, put a donation aside for every mince pie you eat up to Christmas. Your donations will then be collected after Christmas and sent to Phakamisa.

Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) news

Phil says "Thank you so much to everyone who signed the "Fix Universal Credit" petition, got other people to sign the petition or who raised awareness of the petition. The following is from End Hunger UK:-

18,378! That's how many people signed the End Hunger UK petition to ask Theresa May to fix Universal Credit!

We had a last-minute rush: our colleague Hannah-Mae, who works at The Trussell Trust, arrived at work on the Monday morning before the hand-in to a HUGE pile of envelopes and over 6,000 new signatures!

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and here are a couple of links with more updates on Universal Credit: _

<http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/2-minute-briefing-does-money-fix-universal-credit/>
and:-

http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/uk-poverty-is-a-choice-un-rapporteur-on-poverty/?fbclid=IwAR2iIlMaoQqu8zdL9mhxVPKM_IN9gUg2o9PWBK820llco4Iaj_i3WmNyjul Which also has a link to an interesting Channel 4 interview.

Possible Extension to Appointment of Rev Keith Osborn:

After completing their appointment in a post, ministers are invited to either move into the stationing process or request an extension to their appointment. Accordingly, Keith has made a formal request to the Circuit that his appointment be extended for a further two years. Although only office holders in Shrivenham Methodist Church are being formally consulted on Rev Keith Osborn's re-invitation to serve as a Circuit Minister for a further two years from 2019-2021, any member of the church can direct their own comments in writing on this subject to members of the Church Leadership Team by 1st December 2018. All views will subsequently be taken into account when the opinion of the Shrivenham Methodist Church as a whole is reported to the Invitation Committee* at their meeting on 5th December.

(* This is a committee, formed of Circuit and Church representatives, that makes a formal recommendation to the Circuit Meeting.)

Prayers before Service - 15 minutes before our morning service.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1st October - Alpha Course for 11 weeks - 7-9 pm at SMC

Christmas Dates!

16th December - Carols Round the Tree

13/14/15 December - Crib Fest
19th December - Village afternoon Carol Service
20th December - Carol singing at Sainsbury's for Action for Children
23rd December - Carol Service
25th December - Family Service
22/24 December - Church open from 10.00-12.00

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 the next week morvawhite@supanet.com