

SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 30th Aug 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 30th August

10.30 am Adrian German

6.30 pm Revd Keith Osborn (HC)

Steward Linda Hood

Door Michelle Holloway
Organ Stella Tidmarsh
Readers Tony Belk/Lynn Pembroke
Creche Nicki Norris
Coffee Wendy Smith/Nicki Norris

Prayers this week

Circuit: Upper Thames Circuit
Rota: Queen & Government, all elected councillors, especially those in Social Services & Education

Holiday Bible Clubs

Local Roads: Townsend Road, The Green, Cleycourt Road, Friars Close

Services for next Sunday 6th September

10.30 am Revd Keith Osborn (HC)

3.00 pm Richard Hancock at Longcot

Steward Pam Mullin
Door Wendy Smith
Organ Stella Tidmarsh
Readers Wendy Smith/Paul Holloway
Creche Linda Hood
Flowers Michelle Holloway
Garden Tony Belk

Events this Week

Monday 31st

Tuesday 1st

Refreshers 8.30am in front room
Welcome service at Bristol for Rev Jonathan Pye

Wednesday 2nd

Fish Group 2 Meeting

Thursday 3rd

Prayer meeting front room, 8pm

Friday 4th

Hymn practice at Stella's, 8pm

Saturday 5th

Prayer breakfast 8.30 in front room

* **Tea in the Garden** - this Sunday 30th August, at Paul & Midge Holloways

Once the Fete is over cakes are needed for the **Circuit Service** - 13 September 6 pm at HMC - service taken by Rev Jonathan Pye, our new District Chairman. There are refreshments after the service so people can meet Rev Pye. We will only need to provide about 6 cakes. Please could you email/tell Pam if you can provide one. **She hasn't heard from anyone yet!**

* The 2015/16 Prayer Handbooks are now on the organ. Please take yours and complete the form there. Money (£3.70 inc postage) to Pam please

Stride & Ride 12th September - volunteers are needed in the church foyer to sign in those taking part - please fill in the sheet at back of church if you are able to cover a slot.

An Alpha course will be run at our Church together with people from St Andrew's for 10 weeks starting Monday 5 October. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions with a light supper, talk and group discussions, that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. No pressure. No follow up. No charge. It will be open to anyone and be widely advertised - people from our congregation are also welcome to come, even if you can't make every session -the first one on 5 October will be a 'taster' session.

We will also need **helpers** to do the food each week (2 from each church, the supper will be at 7 pm). Please consider if you can help out one (or more) weeks; there will be a form at the back of the church to sign. If you can provide the food (we won't know numbers until the course starts, but probably a max of 24) you will be able to claim for expenses. This is an evangelistic opportunity to reach out to our community (especially thinking of those who come to Café Inspire and Refreshers). We hope it will be well supported by everyone.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tea in the Garden: 30th August - Paul & Michelle's, 20th Sept - Stella's

Tuesday 1st September - Welcome service for Revd Dr Jonathan Pye - 7.30pm

Saturday 12th September - Oxfordshire Churches Ride & Stride

Sunday 13th September - Revd Dr Jonathan Pye taking a service at Highworth MC

September 27th - Harvest Festival Service at St Andrew's (SMC will decorate a window)

September 29th - Church Council Meeting

Saturday 17th October - Circuit Day on Exploring Prayer - 10.00 am-4.00 pm - Speaker is Revd Dr Chris Voke from Spurgeon's College - Highworth MC

November 8th - Remembrance Service at St Andrew's

November 15th - Annual Church Meeting (AGM) following morning service

November 22nd - service by Group 1

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 THURSDAY next week so please let Morva by next THURSDAY morning: morvawhite@supanet.com if there is anything to include