

SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 3rd March 2019

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 3rd March

10.30 am Revd Keith Osborn
3.00 pm Ecumenical Service at Longcot
6.00 pm Circuit Service at Braydon

Steward Gill & Paul Sharpe
Door Phil Bunce
Organ Stella Tidmarsh
Readers Phil Bunce/Janet Hamshire
Creche Sue Colyer
Flowers Linda Hood
Coffee Lynn/?
Garden Stella Tidmarsh

Services for next Sunday 10th March

10.30 am Sheila Knowles

6.30 pm Local Arrangement

Steward Robin Christian
Door Val Pettefar
Organ Stella Tidmarsh
Readers Val Pettefar/Sue Colyer
Creche Lynn Pembroke
Flowers Clare Saunders
Coffee
Garden Lynn Pembroke

Prayers this week

Circuit: Abbey Meads

Rota: Defence Academy - staff, students, families and chaplains

Local Roads: Colton Road,
Curtis Road, Beckett Ridge -
Roman Rd, Trajan Rd, Sywell Rd
Constantine Rd, Alexander Way
Hadrian Close

Events this Week

Monday 4th

8th Alpha meeting 9.30-12
Open Circuit Mtg - Toothill - 7.30 pm

Tuesday 5th

Refreshers 8.30/Revival Mtg 7-8

Wednesday 6th

Songs & Stories for children
Fish Group 2 prayer walk 7.45 SMC

Thursday 7th

Prayer meeting 6.30 pm

Friday 8th

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

Saturday 9th

Prayer Breakfast in front room 8.30
Cafe Inspire

Next Church Council Meeting - Monday 11th March - 7.30 pm at Church (agenda and previous minutes are attached)

Church Flower Displays - Have you wondered why the flower displays at the front of church have changed? It has been brought to our attention that the oasis used for the displays is made of plastics and therefore NOT recyclable. It has to be disposed of in the landfill bags, but even more alarming was the dust and small particles which were being washed down the sink, into our drains and onwards, possibly even reaching the sea. As a church that supports the environment we have

decided to use vases and other receptacles instead. Please bear with us as we discover new ways of floral displaying, although we will still use the oasis for special occasions!

Lent Studies - St Andrew's Benefice are running a Lent Course this year - see below -

Benefice Lent Course: Starts on Tuesday 12th March from 3 to 4:30pm in St Andrew's Parish Room or 7.30 pm in St Mary's House, Ashbury. They will be looking at St Paul's letter to the Colossians and thinking about what it has to say to us today. All are welcome to either.

The **ALPHA Course is running** and meets on Monday mornings (9.30 - 12.00) until 1st April here at SMC, and it is OK to bring anyone along to any of the sessions. Please pray for those attending, plus the leaders and helpers.

PAM MULLIN is now back home and back on her home phone number 782963

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14th January - Alpha Course - Monday mornings at 9.30 am for 11 weeks
next Worship Consultation meeting TBA

4th March - Open Circuit Meeting - Toothill at 7.30 pm (replacement for one postponed from 31st January)

6th March - 18th April - Lent

11th March - Church Council meeting

28th March - Circuit Meeting at Highworth MC - 7.30 pm

14th April - Palm Sunday - procession starts from Shrivenham MC at 9.45 am for united service at St Andrews at 10.15 am

19th April - Good Friday - morning service at 9.30 am

21st April - Easter Sunday

5th May - Circuit Service at Cricklade

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