

SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 4th December 2016

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 4th December (Advent 2)

10.30 am	Revd Keith Osborn (HC)
3.00 pm	Carol service at Longcot with Keith Osborn
Steward	Robin Christian
Door	Mike Bathe
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Mike Bathe/Phil Bunce
Creche	Linda Hood
Flowers	Linda Hood
Garden	Stella Tidmarsh

Prayers this week

Circuit: Abbey Meads

Rota: Those training for and working in ministry worldwide - especially Cliff College, and the work of Bible Society

Local Roads: Berens Road, Coxs Road, Salop Close, Springfield Close, Youghal Close

Services next Sunday 11th December (Advent 3)

10.30 am	Phil Bunce
6.30 pm	Carols round the Tree
Steward	Gill/Paul Sharpe
Door	Sue Colyer
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Sue Colyer/H Taylor
Creche	Nicki Norris
Flowers	Morva White
Garden	Harold Taylor

Events this Week

Monday 5th

tenth Alpha Session 7.00 pm

Tuesday 6th

Refreshers - 8.30am in front room
Prayer for the Nation meeting 7-8

Wednesday 7th

Songs & Stories for children 9.00

Thursday 8th

Prayer meeting 7pm in front room
Crib Fest 10.00-12.30

Friday 9th

Crib Fest 10.00-12.30
Hymn Practice at Stella's 8.00 pm

Saturday 10th

Prayer breakfast 8.30 am
Crib Fest 10.00-12.30

Crib Fest - set up is from 3pm on Wednesday. If you can help please fill in the rota board in foyer or tell Stella. Please also bring along your Nativity Cribs, either on Sunday or Wednesday, and make sure they are all marked with your name so that we can return them next weekend.

Mince Pies - loads needed please - for the refreshments at the Cribfest this week (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.

Do please sign up on Paul's 'Chart of Helpers' so we know who is doing what and when.

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.

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

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 by Thursday.