

SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 4th September 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 September

10.30 am Liesel Parkinson
3.00 pm Ecumenical Service at Longcot
6.30 pm Circuit Service at Abbey Meads

Steward Linda Hood
Door Harold Taylor
Organ Stella Tidmarsh
Readers Helen & Harold Taylor
Creche Bob Mawer
Flowers Helen Taylor
Garden Lynn Pembroke

Services for next Sunday 11th September

10.30 am Revd Keith Osborn (HC)
6.30 pm Phil Bunce

Steward Robin Christian
Door Ian Brodie
Organ Stella Tidmarsh
Readers Ian Brodie/Nicki Norris
Creche Lynn Pembroke
Flowers Gill Sharpe
Garden Stella Tidmarsh

Prayers this week

Circuit: Abbey Meads

Rota: Those suffering from addiction, and financial & housing problems locally - Salvation Army at Booth & Gloucester Houses, and Swindon Food Bank

Local Roads: Station Road, West End Road

Events this Week

Monday 5th

Tuesday 6th

Refreshers 8.30 am

Wednesday 7th

Songs & Stories 9.00 am

Thursday 8th

Prayer meeting 7pm in front room

Friday 9th

Hymn Practice at Stella's 8.00 pm

Saturday 10th

Prayer breakfast 8.30 in front room
Ride & Stride

Circuit Celebrates its 20th Birthday with a Circuit Service

The Upper Thames Circuit celebrated its 20th birthday on 1st September. This achievement will be recognised at the Circuit Service at the Church of Christ the Servant, Abbey Meads, on Sunday, which will also be a service of welcome for Rev Rachael Wilson as she becomes the minister of that church. A great service for us to support, and please ask a steward if you would like a lift.

Shrivenham Fete - we raised £135 so well done (inspite of the weather!)

Tea in the Garden -at Wendy Smith's next Sunday, 11th September - 10 Coffin Close, Highworth (off Westrop just past the Methodist Church) - it will be a bit of a combination event. As well as the usual church summer tea in the garden, Wendy will also be using it to string out the celebrations of her big birthday and maximize the donations towards the Friends of Angel's Orphanage. It might be a slightly bigger affair than would normally be the case, and there will be plenty of food around for you to eat, so please come along, eat cake and donate towards the Orphanage. The family who set up the charity are also hoping to come along so you will be able to chat to them about it too and find out why they are so passionate about helping these children. Everybody is welcome and, hopefully, the sunny weather will continue until then, so come along any time from 3pm - you won't get thrown out until bedtime!

Connexion - Summer edition of The Connexion Magazine is available in the foyer - inspiring stories of the Methodist Church.

Ride and Stride - Saturday 10th September - forms at back of church for volunteering to welcome/sign in guests, and sponsor forms for those of you who feel inclined to take part.

CHURCH FLOWERS - The leadership team has decided to reinstate the flower ministry which used to operate in the church. Flowers used to decorate the church on Sunday will be distributed to people (either church or village) who are ill, lonely or who would just like to receive some flowers. We would value your input in this process. There is a page in the prayer request book in the foyer where we hope you will put suggestions of who might like to receive the flowers.

Phakamisa Christmas cards are now available to order. There are 4 designs this year, all priced at £3.50 per pack of 10 (all of the same design). They are displayed in the foyer - order form nearby for people to fill in. Orders will be submitted as they are received to minimise the risk of disappointment. Completed orders will be available for collection at church from 23rd October.

ALPHA Exciting times ahead with another Alpha course hosted at our Church, again jointly run by the churches of Shrivenham. This is an evening course starting on the 3rd October. Keep an eye out for more details shortly but if you want to know more, have a chat with Gill, Paul or Janet.

Also if anyone fancies providing supper let Gill know on the email gillnpaul.sharpe@btinternet.com or catch her at Church

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4th September (6.30 pm) - next Circuit Service - at Christ the Servant, Abbey Meads

10th September - Ride & Stride for Oxfordshire Churches

10th September - District Synod

11th September - Tea in the Garden at Wendy Smith's

12th September - Stewards/Leadership Team meeting (7.30 pm)

13th September - Prayer for our Nation meeting - SMC 7.00-8.00

14th September - Joint Stewards meeting with St Andrews (2.30 pm)

15th September - Circuit leadership team meeting - Freshbrook, 7.30

18th September - Camp Service at Braydon with hog roast (see details in Circuit Newsletter and poster now being displayed)

25th September - Joint Harvest Festival service at St Andrews with buffet lunch at the Gulshan Brasserie afterwards (tickets from St Andrews in aid of their church funds)

27th September - Circuit meeting - Purton Methodist Church 7.30

3rd October - new Alpha course starts

16th October - Circuit Day speaker/Bible Study - Revd Graham Horsley on 'Fresh Expressions' - Highworth MC

1st November - Church Council/ACM 7.30 pm

21st January 2017 - Circuit Day speaker/Bible Study - Revd Paul Wilson on 'Ezekiel: Seeking Spiritual Renewal' - Royal Wootton Bassett

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.