

## SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 6th August 2017

Welcome to our Church

Our Website: [www.shrivenhammethodistchurch.co.uk](http://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 6th August

10.30 am	Jenny Corkett
3.00 pm	Ecumenical Service at Longcot
Steward	Linda Hood
Door	Tony Belk
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Tony Belk/Wendy Smith
Creche	n/a
Flowers	Stella Tidmarsh
Garden	Lynn Pembroke
Coffee	Barbara Hawgood/Janet Mawer

### Prayers this week

#### **Circuit: Toothill**

**Rota:** Staff and Governors in our local schools

Holiday Bible Clubs worldwide

**Local Roads:** Stallpits Road, Sandhill, Highworth Road

### Services for next Sunday 13th August

10.30 am	Anne Coventry
6.30 pm	Norma & Richard Fergusson
Steward	Linda Hood
Door	Nicki Norris
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Nicki Norris/Paul Holloway
Creche/Sunday Club	(none during August)
Flowers	Linda Hood
Garden	Stella Tidmarsh

### Events this Week

#### **Monday 7th**

#### **Tuesday 8th**

Refreshers - 8.30 am in front room-

#### **Wednesday 9th**

Songs & Stories for children

#### **Thursday 10th**

Prayer meeting 7 pm in front room

#### **Friday 11th**

#### **Saturday 12th**

Prayer breakfast 8.30 in front room

**Shrivenham Fete:** We have a cake Stall at the Fete so we need lots of cakes and goodies, plus help on the day. Please sign the helpers' form at back of church if you can help.

**Tea in the Garden** - the next garden tea will be at Helen & Harold's on Sunday 13th August, 3.30-5.00. Proceeds will go to church fundraising.

**Cream Teas at Longcot Chapel** - Tuesday 15-Thursday 17 August from 3-4.30 pm

**Rota:** Helen is preparing the next church rota. Anyone who is not already on it and would like to help in any way, please contact Helen Taylor or one of the stewards for more information:- Door Steward, Reader, Flowers, Crèche, coffee making, gardening (which no longer includes cutting grass, but sweeping up and tidying still needs doing).

**Prayer Handbook:** The prayer handbook for 2017/18 will be out soon. Please can you confirm with Pam that you would like a copy - she needs to order 10 to get a discount! It also comes in large print if you would like one. Each new edition of the Methodist Prayer Handbook connects Christians from different times, places and walks of life. Classic prayers are interwoven with new contributions from Methodists across the districts and around the world. Arranged as a 31-day prayer cycle, the Handbook also includes a daily lectionary with a suggested hymn (from Singing the Faith) to accompany and guide you through the year. The theme this year is JESUS THE FIRST AND LAST, celebrating the Jesus of history, the Christ of faith and our cosmic Lord; the first word and the last word, which has not yet been spoken. We explore how the immensity of Jesus means that we need to experience him in many different ways and be open to the surprises he is yet to show us. We also explore the depth and diversity of personal Christian faith and experience, and the different perceptions and experiences of Christ found within and across the Churches of the world.

**Information from the Stewards meeting -**

- Help is needed for the Fete, there is a rota on the organ.
- The House Groups will discuss 'Future Ministry' and then report back to the stewards.
- Help is needed for the Village Welcome meeting, there is a rota on the organ.
- If you have any ideas for fundraising we will be happy to hear from you.

**Prayer before Service** - is still continuing for 15 minutes before our morning service.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

13th August - Tea in the Garden at Harold & Helen's 3.30-5.00  
15th - 17th August - Cream Teas at Longcot Chapel  
20th August - Church picnic at Coppidthorn Meadow  
26th August - Shrivenham Fete - SMC cake stall  
4th September - Worship Consultation meeting, Stella's at 7.30  
5th September - Stewards meeting  
9th September - Ride & Stride  
23rd September - Welcome to Newcomers event - Memorial Hall 1-4.30 pm  
26th September - Circuit meeting at Highworth, 7.30 pm  
7th November - Church Council Meeting & ACM

**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

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