

SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 9th July 2017

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 9th July

10.30 am Phil Bunce

6.30 pm ?

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| Steward | Robin Christian |
| Door | Nicki Norris |
| Organ | Stella Tidmarsh |
| Readers | Nicki Norris/Phil Bunce |
| Creche | Linda Hood |
| Flowers | Linda Hood |
| Garden | Tony Belk |

Services for next Sunday 16th July

10.30 am ?

6.30 pm Adam Longhurst

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| Steward | Janet Mawer |
| Door | Ian Brodie |
| Organ | Stella Tidmarsh |
| Readers | Ian Brodie/Tony Belk |
| Creche | Bob Mawer |
| Flowers | Morva White |
| Garden | Ian Brodie |

Prayers this week

Circuit: Purton

Rota: Wider medical care and support - hospital chaplains and volunteers, home carers, all emergency and support services

Local Roads: Those known to us personally

Events this Week

Monday 10th

Tuesday 11th

Refreshers 8.30 am in front room

Wednesday 12th

Songs & Stories for children

Thursday 13th

Prayer meeting 7pm in front room

Friday 14th

Hymn Practice at Stella's 8.00pm

Saturday 15th

Prayer breakfast 8.30 in front room

Message received from Keith: "Rev Keith Osborn is unwell and has been signed off work by his GP. He will not be taking services or attending meetings with immediate effect, until the GP reviews the situation with him on his return from holiday, on 17th August. Anyone needing the services of a minister should contact Rev. Rachael Wilson, who will cover for Keith until 17th July, when Rev David Perkins returns from his sabbatical and he will then be covering for Keith while Rachael is on holiday. The extra-ordinary meeting of the Church Council after the morning service on 16th July will go ahead as planned, with the Senior Steward in the chair. Any decisions made will be quite valid under Methodist rules. For further advice and/or information, please contact a senior steward. Contact details for all ministers may be found in the quarterly plan."

Circuit Newsletter for July/August is attached

Also, the attached paper on the future of the Upper Thames Circuit was presented at the Circuit Meeting on 26th June. It was suggested that soundings be taken from local churches and reported back to the Circuit Meeting in September. We do not have a Church Council Meeting before September, apart from the Extraordinary Meeting on 16th July, so it has been suggested that the paper be circulated with the notices for people to have a look at before that meeting. We can of course take any initial feedback at the meeting on 16th July, but it is suggested that if anyone would like to make further comments, these be submitted (by email) to the Senior Steward(s) so that they can then be taken back to the Circuit Meeting in September. No voting (e.g. concerning the options) is required at this stage, just a gathering of the feedback from churches.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16th July - Short Extraordinary Church Council Meeting after morning service

24th July - Local Preachers & Worship Leaders meeting Braydon 6.30 pm

20th August - Church picnic at Coppidthorn Meadow

26th August - Shrivenham Fete - SMC cake stall

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

Notices to Morva by next Friday please: morvawhite@supanet.com, but notices won't be sent out until Saturday 7