

SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 3rd November 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 November

10.30 am Phil Bunce
3.00 pm Ecumenical Service at Longcot
6.00 pm Circuit Service at Abbey Meads

Steward Linda Hood
Door Morva White
Organ Stella Tidmarsh
Readers: Morva White/Ian Brodie
Flowers: Stella Tidmarsh
Coffee: Val, Ugo, Clare

Prayers this week

Circuit: Toothill

Rota: All the different churches and fellowships in the local area, including our own pastoral and prayer groups

Local Roads: Stainswick Lane, Stoneleigh Close, Glebe Close, Sandy Lane, Charlotte Close

Services for next Sunday 11th November

10.15 am United Remembrance Service at St Andrews

6.30 pm Iain Bryon

Steward Janet Mawer
Door David Hamshire
Organ n/a
Readers David Hamshire (if required)
Flowers: n/a
Coffee: **n/a**

Events this Week

Monday 4th

6th Alpha meeting 7.00 pm

Tuesday 5th

Prayer for the Nation mtg 7-8

Refreshers 8.30 am

Wednesday 6th

Fish Group 2 meeting

Songs & Stories for children

Thursday 7th

Fellowship & prayer mtg 6.30 pm

Friday 8th

Morning prayers 7.45 am in foyer

Hymn practice at Stella's 8.00 pm

Saturday 9th

Prayer Breakfast in front room 8.30

Cafe Inspire

Where do we go from here?

You are all invited to an open meeting in Shrivenham Methodist Church on **Friday 15th November at 7:30pm** to discuss how the Christian community in our villages can seek to attract those who already live here and the large numbers who will be moving in over the next few years. It is a fact that although the majority of people do not attend worship, most do profess to have some yearning for spiritual fulfilment and we, as followers of the Lord Jesus have a responsibility to share the good news. The question is how can we best achieve this. Please come and share your ideas.

Operation Christmas Child

Shoe boxes with instructions are now available at church for Operation Christmas Child. This means that children across the world who are not so fortunate as some will receive a shoe box filled with lovely little gifts. i.e. pencils, note books, stickers, gloves, hat, etc. Please return your box by November 14th to the church so that I can take them all to a main drop off point. Many thanks, Michele.

Ladies Bible Book Club

Beginning the 5th of November, continuing every Tuesday during Term Time 10-11am. Located at Shrivenham Methodist Church, but please park in the village. Going through various books of the Bible, we will explore questions such as Who wrote this book? What kind of book is it? Who was it written for and why? What could this mean for me? For more details about this event, please email Phoebe Wills at familiesworker@rwbmc.co.uk or phone 07719 868984.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

30th September - Alpha course begins - runs for next 11 weeks

5th November (weekly) - Ladies Bible Book Club - 10-11 term time (see notice above)

15th November - 7.30 meeting at SMC to Discuss 'Where do we go from here?'

17th November - Cafe Church followed by Church Lunch

1st December - Advent Carol service at Longcot Chapel and Watchfield (St Thomas)

11/12/13 Dec - Crib Fest

15th December - Christingle/Carols round the tree

17th December - Cloths for the Cradle 5.00 pm at St Andrews (a quiet meditative service)

18th December - Afternoon Carol Service

22nd December - Carol Service at SMC am/joint Carols by candlelight at St Andrews pm

23/24 December - Church Open

24th December - Crib Service St Andrews 4.00 pm/Midnight services 11.30 pm at
St Andrews and Longcot St Mary's

25th December - Christmas morning service at 9.30 am (NOTE time)

29th December - no evening service

19th January - Covenant Service

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