

## SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 19th January 2020

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 19th January

10.30 am Joint Covenant Service with St Andrews led by Revd Rachael Wilson  
6.30 pm Revd Rachael Wilson

Steward Gill & Paul Sharpe  
Door Michelle Holloway  
Organ Stella Tidmarsh  
Readers Paul Holloway/Sue Colyer  
Flowers Linda Hood  
Coffee: Michelle & Paul

### Services next Sunday 26th January

10.30 am Adam Longhurst  
6.30 pm Revd David Perkins

Steward Robin Christian  
Door Clare Saunders  
Organ Stella Tidmarsh  
Readers Bob Mawer/Harold Taylor  
Flowers Stella Tidmarsh  
Coffee Stella

### Prayers this week

**Circuit: Royal Wootton Bassett**

**Rota:** Christian Youth Charities - Scripture Union, Swindon Youth for Christ

**Local Roads:** Claypits Lane, Faringdon Road, Common Close Days Ground, Northford

### Events this Week

#### **Monday 20th**

2nd Alpha meeting 10-12  
Fish Group 1 planning mtg 7.45

#### **Tuesday 21st**

Ladies Bible Book Club 10-11  
Refreshers - 8.30 am in front room

#### **Wednesday 22nd**

Songs & Stories for Children

#### **Thursday 23rd**

Fellowship & prayer mtg 6.30 pm

#### **Friday 24th**

Morning prayers 7.45 am

#### **Saturday 25th**

Prayer Breakfast in front room 8.30

**The Shrivenham & Ashbury Benefice** will be interviewing Rev'd Nina Summerfield for the vacant House for Duty post on Thursday 23rd January. The day will begin with Eucharist at 9am in St Mary's Ashbury at which Rev'd Summerfield will preach, followed by coffee and the opportunity for a chat. All are welcome to attend, so please pass on this invitation

RSVP to Lucy Laird ([shrivenham.ashbury.benefice@outlook.com](mailto:shrivenham.ashbury.benefice@outlook.com)) by Wednesday 22nd so we can be sure there are enough cups!

(and also please pray for this situation, for the Anglican Benefice and that our Lord's will be done)

**Lent Studies** - the following is what everyone will see in The February News:

“The Bible – what does that mean to you? A book for church on Sundays full of old stories or a guide to our lives? Perhaps you have never considered it? It is big, complicated in places and challenging. What it is not, is dull, with all of life contained in it. The Bible Course is a great resource, whether you are familiar with the Bible or just starting out. This eight-session course based around video and discussion will help you to explore the world’s bestseller.

The Good News is that both the Methodists and Anglicans will be running the course simultaneously this year. You are all welcome to join either meeting or even switch between the two, depending on your own commitments.

The Anglicans will run the course on Wednesday mornings at 10.30 am at the Evangelical Free Church in Ashbury, from Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February to Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April inclusive. It will start with tea and coffee and finish no later than 12.15 pm. Please come along to the first session to see if you like it. For more information contact: Maggie Simons 01793 710801 or Graham Weller 01793 710665

Shrivenham Methodist Church will run the course on Sunday evenings in place of their normal evening service starting on 16<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30 pm, starting on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February.”

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

13th January - 30th March - 10.00-12.00 - Alpha Course

19th January - Covenant Service

16th February - Lent Studies start - Sunday evenings at 6.30 pm looking at ‘The Bible Course’.

### **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.