

## SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 2nd February 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 2nd February

10.30 am	Ian Bryon
3.00 pm	Ecumenical Service at Longcot***
Steward	Robin Christian
Door	Barbara Hawgood
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Bob Mawer/David Hamshire
Flowers	Gill Sharpe
Coffee:	Lynn

### Services next Sunday 9th February

10.30 am	Local Arrangement
6.30 pm	Revd Rachael Wilson (HC)
Steward	Robin Christian
Door	Nicki Norris
Organ	Stella Tidmarsh
Readers	Nicki Norris
Flowers	Michelle Holloway
Coffee	Linda

### Prayers this week

#### **Circuit: Toothill**

**Rota:** Our own outreach and youth work - Refreshers, Cafe Inspire Sunday Club, Coffee Shop, Songs & Stories for Children, Longcot Friday T-time Fellowship

**Local Roads:** Vicarage Lane, Hazell's Lane, Catherine Close Canon Hills Gardens

### Events this Week

#### **Monday 3rd**

4th Alpha meeting 10-12

#### **Tuesday 4th**

Prayer for the Nation mtg 7-8 pm

Ladies Bible Book Club 10-11

Refreshers - 8.30 am in front room

#### **Wednesday 5th**

Songs & Stories for Children

Fish Group 2 meet 7.45 pm

#### **Thursday 6th**

Fellowship & prayer mtg 6.30 pm

#### **Friday 7th**

Morning prayers 7.45 am

#### **Saturday 8th**

Prayer Breakfast in front room 8.30

Cafe Inspire

\*\*\*The Longcot Service on Sunday will be lead by Stella and will mark the 23rd anniversary of the chapel. There will be tea served after the service.

### **Future Lay Worker Requirement reminder:**

The circuit are considering their needs for lay work after 1st January 2021. To this end we have to consider our own needs and put forward a request to the circuit. This needs to be completed by the end of February.

This is still a very new situation for us as Phoebe only joined us in September. She has been busy making connections and starting some new initiatives and has other ideas moving forward. To this end, the stewards have decided to make over our meeting on

**17th February** to consider our way forward. As we would like to hear from as many people as possible we are going to make this an open meeting where anyone interested in lay work is invited to join us. If you would like to come can you please let Linda know so that we can confirm the venue.

**Also, a message from Phobe: Family Games Afternoon**

Families of all ages invited to come along to SMC on Wednesday the **19th February** for a fun afternoon of board and other table top games. Tea, Coffee, and biscuits provided. Bring along your favourite games to share, or try out some new ones:

**Easter Craft Morning:** Save the date: Messy Church style craft morning on Saturday **18th April**. More details to come.

AND Volunteers Needed: If you currently help with the children's ministry at SMC, or would like to, we need volunteers to help with the Family Games Afternoon (19th February) and Easter Craft Morning (18th April) in a variety of capacities including welcoming, serving tea and coffee, and supervising craft tables. All volunteers must go through safer recruitment and have a valid DBS. Please email Phoebe at [familiesworker@rwbmc.co.uk](mailto:familiesworker@rwbmc.co.uk) and cc [circuitsafeguarding723@gmail.com](mailto:circuitsafeguarding723@gmail.com) to volunteer.

Thank you,

Phoebe Wills

Families and Community Worker for RWB and SMC: [familiesworker@rwbmc.co.uk](mailto:familiesworker@rwbmc.co.uk)  
07719 868984

**Lent Studies** - remember that both the Methodists and Anglicans are running *the Bible 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 th February to Wednesday 1st April inclusive. For more information contact: Maggie Simons 01793 710801 or Graham Weller 01793 710665, and Shrivenham Methodist Church will run the course on Sunday evenings in place of their normal evening service starting on 16th February at 6.30 pm, starting on Sunday 16th February."

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MORNING SERVICE ON 16TH FEBRUARY WILL START AT 10.00 AM NOT 10.30 AM**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

13th January - 30th March - 10.00-12.00 - Alpha Course  
5th February - talk by David Hamshire - 7.45 pm in back room of church - all welcome  
12th February - Lent Studies start - Ashbury Evangelical - 10.00-12 noon  
16th February - Lent Studies start - Sunday evenings at SMC - 6.30 pm  
17th February - meeting to discuss future lay worker requirements  
19th February - Family Games Afternoon at SMC  
6th March - World Day of Prayer Service - 2pm at Ashbury  
5th April - Palm Sunday - procession along High Street to St Andrews for 10.15 service  
10th April - Good Friday service at SMC 9.30 am  
18th April - Easter Craft Morning

**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.