

SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 23rd February 2020

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 23rd February

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| 10.30 am | Robin Phoenix-Stone |
| 6.30 pm | Second Lent Study |
| Steward | Linda Hood |
| Door | Penny White |
| Organ | Stella Tidmarsh |
| Readers | Ian Brodie/Morva White |
| Flowers | Clare Saunders |
| Coffee: | Stella |

Services next Sunday 1st March

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| 10.30 am | Sheila Knowles |
| 3.00 pm | Ecumenical Service at Longcot |
| 6.30 pm | Circuit Service at Shrivenham |
| Steward | Gill & Paul Sharpe |
| Door | Janet Hamshire |
| Organ | Stella Tidmarsh |
| Readers | Janet Hamshire/Tony Belk |
| Flowers | Helen Taylor |
| Coffee | |

Prayers this week

Circuit: MHA/Fitzwarren House

Rota: Those training for and working in ministry worldwide - Cliff College, and work of Bible Society

Local Roads: Berens Road, Coxs Road, Salop Close, Youghal Close, Springfield Close

Events this Week

Monday 24th

6th Alpha meeting 10-12

Tuesday 25th

Refreshers - 8.30 am in front room

Wednesday 26th

3rd Lent Course, Ashbury 10.30-12
Songs & Stories for Children

Thursday 27th

Fellowship & prayer mtg 6.30 pm

Friday 28th

Morning prayers 7.45 am
T-time Fellowship at Longcot

Saturday 29th

Prayer Breakfast in front room 8.30

Healing Service - St Andrew's - Sunday at 5.00 pm - message from David Ahern: Every day we encounter people in our community who are enduring illness, loss and emotional turmoil. Our Father in Heaven calls to bring our burdens to Him to receive His healing and peace. At St Andrew's we have a strong sense of calling to be more intentional in this ministry. So, if you would like to receive healing prayer for yourself or others, come and join us this Sunday. Please pass on this message to anyone you think might like to join us at the service.

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. For those of you who missed the first week or would like to see the video again, here is the Bible Society link to the Course <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/the-bible-course/>

****Message from Wendy Smith ; We have been offered an opportunity to join in with a Messy church training day on Saturday 29th Feb. It is being held at St Paul's church, Covingham from 10-3. No charge but donations welcome. If you would like to attend or find out more info please contact either Phoebe or Wendy Smith**

Church Council Meeting - Tuesday 3rd March - 7.30 pm at SMC - Agenda and minutes from previous meeting are attached.

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE - FRIDAY 6th MARCH 2pm at St Mary's Church, Ashbury

This service has been prepared by the Christian Women of Zimbabwe and the theme is "Rise! Take your mat and walk". It will be followed by refreshments. On that day (6th March) the service will form part of a great wave of prayer encircling the globe which begins as the sun rises over Samoa and ends back in the Pacific as the sun sets over American Samoa. We will be joining with people in over 120 countries and islands around the world. Everyone is welcome.

If you would like to attend but have no transport, please phone Morva (783245) who will arrange a lift for you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13th January - 30th March - 10.00-12.00 - Alpha Course
12th February - Lent Studies start - Ashbury Evangelical - 10.00-12 noon
16th February - Lent Studies start - Sunday evenings at SMC - 6.30 pm
26th February - Ash Wednesday service at St Andrew's - 7.00 pm
27th February - short Compline service at St Andrew's - 7.45 pm (Richard hopes to make this a regular Thursday evening service)
2nd March - Worship Consultation meeting at Stella's - 7.30 pm
3rd March - Church Council Meeting - 7.30 at SMC
6th March - World Day of Prayer Service - 2pm at St Marys, 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
8th May - VE Day service around the War Memorial - 10.30 am
17th May - United Christian Aid service at SMC
20th September - village Harvest Festival service at St Andrew's - 10.15 am

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.