

SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 15th March 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 15th March

10.30 am Mike Ashford
6.30 pm 5th Lent Study
Steward Robin Christian
Door Sue Colyer
Organ Stella Tidmarsh
Readers Sue Colyer/David Hamshire
Flowers Linda Hood
Coffee:

Services next Sunday 22nd March

10.30 am Godfrey Room
(Mothering Sunday)
6.30 pm 5th Lent Study
Steward Linda Hood
Door Michelle Holloway
Organ Stella Tidmarsh
Readers Paul Holloway/Nicki Norris
Flowers Stella Tidmarsh
Coffee

Prayers this week

Circuit: Cricklade

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 16th

Alpha meeting 10-12

Fish 1 mtg in church 7.45 (see***)

Tuesday 17th

Refreshers - 8.30 am in front room

Ladies Bible Book Club 10-11

Wednesday 18th

6th Lent Course, Ashbury 10.30-12

Songs & Stories for Children

Thursday 19th

Fellowship & prayer mtg 6.30 pm

Compline at St Andrews 7.45 pm

Friday 20th

Morning prayers 7.45 am

Saturday 21st

Prayer Breakfast in front room 8.30

Posy making for Mothering Sunday

10.00 am in church - help needed

We need a group of people to help make up posies for **Mothering Sunday** next week please. We will meet at 10.00 am on Saturday in church, so please come along armed with your secateurs and any greenery you can find. Also - we will need a team to decorate the church for Easter - meeting on Easter Saturday at 10.00 am - so please put that date in your diaries as well.

***** Fish Group 1 meeting** - on Monday 16 March at 7.45pm is to be held at the Church - a warm invitation is extended to Group 2 to join the discussion about the way ahead for our Church in the many aspects of our Church Life in the Community. Please support this meeting.

Same-sex Marriage issue - this was included in the minutes of church council but the stewards feel that it is very important and we should try and make sure that the minutes are read by everyone, so a comment by Dave Perkins is attached.

PRAYER SPACE AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH - Volunteers are needed to help with the prayer space in St Andrew's in the week commencing 23 March. The timings are: Monday 13.00-14.00 and 14.00-15.00; Tuesday – Thursday 9.15-10.25; 10.50-11.50; 13.00-14.00 and 14.00-15.00. Ideally we need 6 people for each session so if anyone can help, even for an hour, please contact Norma who will be eternally grateful! The church will also be open in the evening from 18.00-19.00 for anyone to come and experience the space for themselves.

Lent Studies - are still running - the Bible Course - being held at Ashbury on Wednesday mornings and SMC Sunday evenings

Easter Craft Morning: Save the date: Messy Church style craft morning on Saturday **18th April**, 10.30 - 12.00

Notice from Rev Dave Perkins and Rev Rachael Wilson:

They are proposing to run a series of sessions on being a Church member beginning on Sunday 26th April from 5-6.30pm at the Church of Christ the Servant, Abbey Meads, for 5 consecutive Sundays.

On May 31st at 6pm at RWB Methodist Church there will then be a Circuit Service during which people will have an opportunity to be brought into membership or to renew their membership promises.

New members will also be received into local churches during a service which will be arranged with the minister.

If you are thinking about becoming a member you are welcome to come along, and if you are already a member but would like to explore a bit more about what this means then you are also welcome!

Please let Rachael or Dave know if you are interested in attending so that we have an idea of numbers and can see whether it is viable to run the course.

The licensing of the **Rev'd Nina Summerfield** as Associate Vicar in the benefice will be in St Mary's Ashbury at 7.30 pm on 26th May. All are welcome.

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

23rd March (for 1 week) - Prayer Space at St Andrew's - volunteers needed

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 at SMC 10.30 - 12.00

8th May - VE Day service around the War Memorial - 10.30 am

17th May - United Christian Aid service at SMC

26th May - Licensing of Revd Nina Summerfield - St Mary's Ashbury, 7.30 pm
31st May - Circuit Service at RWB at 6.00 pm
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.