

## SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 1st March 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 1st March

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: Lynn

### Services next Sunday 8th March

10.30 am Revd Rachael Wilson (HC)

6.30 pm Third Lent Study

Steward Wendy Pearcey  
Door Ian Brodie  
Organ Stella Tidmarsh  
Readers Ian Brodie/Mike Bathe  
Flowers Morva White  
Coffee Janet

### Prayers this week

**Circuit: Abbey Meads**

**Rota:** Those suffering from addiction and financial & housing problems locally - Salvation Army at Booth & Gloucester houses, local food bank the Filling Station

**Local Roads:** Station Road, West End Road

### Events this Week

#### **Monday 2nd**

Alpha meeting 10-12  
Church Council mtg 7.30 SMC

#### **Tuesday 3rd**

Refreshers - 8.30 am in front room  
Worship Consultation 7.30 Stella's  
Revival Prayer mtg 7-8 SMC

#### **Wednesday 4th**

4th Lent Course, Ashbury 10.30-12  
Songs & Stories for Children  
Group 2 meeting 7.45 pm

#### **Thursday 5th**

Fellowship & prayer mtg 6.30 pm  
Compline at St Andrews 7.45 pm

#### **Friday 6th**

Morning prayers 7.45 am  
World Day of Prayer service at  
St Mary's, Ashbury, 2.00 pm

#### **Saturday 7th**

Prayer Breakfast in front room 8.30  
Coffee Shop - Group 1

**Church Council Meeting - has moved forward to MONDAY 2nd March** and will be led by Revd David Perkins (as Rachael is not available). It will follow the Bible Course.

## **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.

**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.

**Lent Studies** - are still running - the Bible Course - being held at Ashbury on Wednesday mornings and SMC Sunday evenings (apart from this week). And, for those of you who have missed some of them or would like to see the videos again, here is the Bible Society link to the Course

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/the-bible-course/>

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

### **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  
2nd March - Church Council Meeting 7.30 pm (following the Bible Course)  
3rd March - Worship Consultation Meeting at Stella's 7.30 pm  
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 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  
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.