

## SHRIVENHAM METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 8th 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 8th March

10.30 am Revd Rachael Wilson (HC)

6.30 pm Fourth Lent Study

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

### Services next Sunday 15th March

10.30 am Mike Ashford

6.30 pm 5th Lent Study

Steward Robin Christian  
Door Phil Bunce  
Organ Stella Tidmarsh  
Readers Phil Bunce/David Hamshire  
Flowers Linda Hood  
Coffee

### Prayers this week

**Circuit: Braydon**

**Rota:** Medical care and support locally - Helen & Douglas houses, Prospect Hospice & volunteers, Fitzwarren House, GWH, Elmtree Surgery

**Local Roads:** those members living outside Shrivenham in Ashbury, Bourton, Highworth, Liddington, Longcot, Wanborough, Watchfield

### Events this Week

**Monday 9th**

Alpha meeting 10-12

**Tuesday 10th**

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

**Wednesday 11th**

5th Lent Course, Ashbury 10.30-12  
Songs & Stories for Children

**Thursday 12th**

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

**Friday 13th**

Morning prayers 7.45 am

**Saturday 14th**

Prayer Breakfast in front room 8.30  
Cafe Inspire

**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.

**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 (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

**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.