



# Lent Rise Matters – the info sheet for Lent Rise Methodist Church



## **Sunday Services:**

Every Sunday 10:30am

Third Sunday Holy Communion 10:30am Rev Vicci Davidson

First Sunday Evening Worship 6:30pm Rev Vicci Davidson

## **Wednesday Morning:**

Last Wednesday each month 11:00am Rev'd Vicci Davidson

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A short service for our community

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**Services in the coming weeks:**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 10.30am Liz Tottingham**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 6:30pm Rev Vicci Davidson**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 10:30am Neville Walton**

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**Prayer Cards**

If you would like to ask for prayer for a specific person or event, please complete a prayer card, to be found on the table at the entrance to the Church.



*Please hold in your prayers: Jo and Andrew, Joanne Prior;*

*Ed; George, Liz and family; Marilyn and Bill; Julia; Pat; Angel's sister Edna, Freddy*

*If you are new here today and would like to keep in touch please look out for one of our yellow Welcome Cards, enter your details and hand the card to a Steward.*

**This week in Burnham Methodist Church:**

**Monday Club for Senior Citizen's** from Burnham Community Association.

**Wednesday The Meeting Place** from The Well@Lent Rise from 9:30am – 12midday. A place for all ages to come and simply be, with coffee or tea, cake and a special warm welcome.

A member of Citizen's Advice Bureau attends the Meeting Place on the second Wednesday of each month between 9:30 and 12:30. No appointment is necessary

but messaging or calling Terry ( 07450004863 or 01753648759) a few days in advance is helpful.

**Thursday CAMEO lunch club for Senior Citizen's** from 12:00midday. For more information or to book please speak to Jo Webb.

**Friday 10:00am Bible Study** led by Rev'd Vicci next meeting will be on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

**And for the Youth of the Circuit**

**Geese - because questions need answers!! Every second Friday from 6pm at Windsor Church age 12 - 18.**

Call Sophie on 079048605 for more details and get involved, "as we ignite a passion for peace and justice. Join in tough conversations, paving the way for a brighter more inclusive future.....sparking change one conversation at a time"..... (wish this had been around when I was that age 😊)

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### **Dates for your diary**

**Sadly as most of you know**, Peter Webb passed away at the beginning of the year. Jo and Andrew would like as many of their friends and Church family to join her in celebrating his life as are able to do so. The details are below:

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 12:30pm at Slough Crematorium, followed by a Service of Celebration at 1:30pm at Burnham Methodist Church. The Service at Burnham will be followed by refreshments to which all are invited to stay.

All our thoughts and prayers are with Jo and Andrew at this difficult time.

**The Circuit led Pantomime** - This is now scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> March at Burnham Church. Tickets will be available soon.

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### **Rev'd Vicci's Thought for the Week Friends**

**Last Sunday we had a circuit service at St. Andrew's, one of three Methodist Churches in Slough. Every month they have a sectional "All Cultures" service. This month the staff team thought that it would be a good idea if people**

from across the circuit joined this service so that we could experience what it was for ourselves.

We arrived to a full church and a full service, followed by a multi-cultural lunch and there really was something for everyone, readings in a variety of languages, hymns and songs from around the world, and a personal favourite of mine, written in Kingston, Jamaica by the late Patrick Eugene Prescod, "The right hand of God is writing in our land."

We also launched the circuit van project, the culmination of three years of strategic thinking around outreach and decline - how do we ensure that the Methodist presence is not entirely written out of places like Old Windsor and Eton Wick and how do we create potential growth for the churches we still have? We also announced a competition to find a better name for the Van Project and this was done via a video which is now available on the Circuit Facebook page and which will also be shown in various settings, including Circuit Meeting, as well as at Church Councils where the technology is available.

Essentially, the Van Project, which will be led by Deacon Margaret, will see a van take a selection of lego, toys and refreshments around the circuit, setting up on a Saturday, and encouraging children and their families to come join us for chat, tea/coffee/squash/biscuits and play. The aim is to increase their connection with church, firstly through the van, and then through encouraging them to join us at other activities in the local church building. Going out twice (morning and afternoon) each Saturday, we would ideally have 8 volunteers to join Margaret on a monthly rota. This is two per church, so do please give thought as to whether one of them might be you. In the meantime, please pray for the life of the circuit and the hope of this project within it.

God bless, Vicci

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### **Prayers and Prayer Pointers**

**Monday 3rd February** - Look out for early signs of spring today, and in the week ahead. Where can you see days getting longer, buds beginning to appear, new life starting to form?

**Tuesday 4th February** - Transform an ordinary walk in your neighbourhood, park, or even through your home into a prayer walk. As you walk, pray for your

neighbours, the world, or different areas of your life. For example, in your kitchen, you might pray for those without food; in your living room, for family and friends.

**Wednesday 5th February** - Today, why not use your senses to guide your prayer.

o Touch: Hold a meaningful object, like a cross, stone, or candle, as you pray. o

Sight: Light a candle and focus on its flame, representing God's presence. o

Sound: Play calming worship music or sit in silence to focus on listening to God. o

Smell: Use essential oils or incense to create a soothing prayer atmosphere. - This

practice can help you connect deeply and physically to your prayers. Thursday 6th

February - Listen to this hymn, played and sung by Matt Beckingham

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SkBAxZw5NxU>) or look up and read the

words to Singing the Faith 693 - Pray about your responses, and ask God for the

courage to love.

**Friday 7th February** - Combine art and prayer by expressing your thoughts and

feelings creatively. Use paints, markers, or collages to illustrate what you'd like to

pray about today. Perhaps you might like to colour in a favourite verse from

scripture? - Whilst you are being creative, notice what comes into your mind. How

is God speaking to you?

**Saturday 8th February** - Create a "Prayer Jar" or "Prayer Box" where you write

prayer requests or things you're thankful for on slips of paper. Each day, pull out

one slip and focus your prayer on that specific need or blessing. As the jar fills,

you'll have a tangible reminder of God's faithfulness.

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