



nt 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 5th October 10:30am we will welcome Sue Clifford

Sunday 5th October 6:30pm Rev'd Vicci Davidson

Sunday 12th October 10:30am we welcome Liz Tottingham.

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: Bill and Marilyn, Jo and Andrew, Pat, Julia, Sheila, ---, ---, The Toffa family, Ed, Hannah, Eleni, the Tindall family.

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.

Funding for refurbishment

If anyone feels able to, or would like to, make a donation specifically for the refurbishments this can be done online: Burnham Methodist sort code: 40 42 08 account number: 52228297 and be sure to put Refurbishment as the reference.

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.

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 10th October.

NEW - Every Friday, from 26 September, The Well@Lent Rise has arranged a 'light lunch club' with soup and a selection of rolls (and table service if desired) preceded by tea/coffee/cakes from 10-30 finishing by 2 pm. This latest project is hosted by Kim (07469879199 for further details).

Geese is the Circuit youth group for discussion over food. This is a free activity for anyone in the circuit aged 12 - 19 and is led by Vicci and Sophie at Windsor Methodist Church from 6 - 7:30 pm on alternate Fridays. The full programme is below.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 11th October 5:00pm-7:30pm Harvest fun event at St Nicolas, Taplow, see poster at the bottom, with details of how to get tickets.

For the train enthusiasts: Saturday 25th 10:00-17:00 and Sunday 26th October 10:00-16:00 Slough and Windsor Railway Society host a Model Railway exhibition at Burnham Park Hall. For ticket details see the poster in Church.

Thought for the week

Friends

This Sunday is a particularly special day for the manse family as it is Mark's 60th birthday. Indeed, in September and October we manage to have 5 immediate family members and a God-daughter with birthdays, so it's a busy old month! Birthdays are not made much of in the Bible: Pharoah has a birthday during the time Joseph is in prison at some point around 1728 BC or 1899 BC, depending on which Biblical timeline you use, and Herod has a birthday mentioned in around 30 AD. At the birthdays of both Pharoah and Herod, someone is executed by the King (his Chief Baker in the case of Pharoah, and John the Baptist in the case of Herod).

Some people have thought that this means that birthdays are either a bad thing, or not terribly important to God. However, it is more likely that these birthdays were mentioned because of the unusual and shocking aspect of the deaths that were associated with them, than that there is something unpleasant about birthdays per se. Indeed, in Job, we are told that each son would hold a family feast on his birthday, and this is in the context of what a lovely and God-fearing life Job lived.

Then of course, we must remember the greatest birthday of all – that of Jesus. Although there is no evidence as to whether Jesus' family celebrated his birthday, God must surely have known that this extraordinary event with its angels, stars, shepherds and wise men would continue to be celebrated, and indeed be a part of how the story would be passed on. Surely if he didn't approve of birthdays, he would have found a better way of ensuring that the memory of the presence of Christ in the world would be maintained. Further, special days seem to be a significant part of God's economy. The weekly Sabbath and six annual festivals are a part of the way in which the Jewish people were to organise their lives.

A happy birthday then to all those who celebrate in the coming month and let us find ways to celebrate God's great gift of life at every opportunity.

God bless, Vicci

Prayers and Prayer Pointers –

Monday 6th October - Say the Lord's Prayer to yourself, in whatever language or version is most meaningful to you. Which part resonates with you today?

Tuesday 7th October - Create two interlocking circles by touching index finger to thumb on both hands and connecting the loops. Let this small gesture remind you of the invisible ties that connect all of us as siblings in Christ, calling us to look out for each other.

Wednesday 8th October - What was the last song or piece of music you listened to? Play it if you can, or simply bring it to mind and play/sing through it in your head. What could God be saying to you through this piece of music?

Thursday 9th October - If you have Blu Tack, Plasticine or something similar, take a small piece and mould it with your fingers. Make it into any shape you like - something round, long and thin, or even a cube shape. How is God moulding you to be the best version of yourself?

Friday 10th October - Today is World Homelessness Day, and as we head into the winter months ahead, we become aware of those facing homelessness at this time – sleeping rough, living in temporary or unsuitable accommodation, or in constant fear of eviction. - Today, you may wish to pray for all those affected by the housing emergency, and charities like Shelter who are working to tackle the root causes of homelessness.

Saturday 11th October - In the stillness, in the quiet that this day might bring, take a moment to simply meditate – to breathe, to notice your own body, and to listen. - In the stillness, try to calm your own thoughts and anxiety, try to listen to yourself – what do you need? - In the stillness, is God prompting you?

Many of us are shopping online these days and the Church has signed up to a site through which some of our most loved retailers will give us a donation every time we shop.

Sign up and help us raise funds by:

1. Visit the link below Search for Burnham Methodist Church
2. Your favourite brands will donate when you shop with them. This includes Booking.com; ebay; M&S; Curry's; TUI; BT and John Lewis www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause

Below is the programme for Geese which is the Circuit youth group for discussion over food. This is a free activity for anyone in the circuit aged 12 - 19 and is led by Vicci and Sophie at Windsor Methodist Church from 6 - 7:30 pm on alternate Fridays.

Geese Programme Autumn 2025

3rd October: When life gives you lemons – make something
How does God bring good out of bad, sweet out of sour in our lives?
Involving lemons, craft and lemon tart (plus pizza).

17th October: Gratitude and Positivity

When God made the world, he saw that it was good. But sometimes we don't feel very good about ourselves. A reminder that God sees us and thinks that we are a successful outcome of his creation.

Involving craft, pick-up sticks and gratitude.

31st October: Alternative Halloween Party (Costume encouraged)

Traditional games including apple bobbing and eating doughnuts off a string
Conversation about the various traditions/why do the young people think that the church might find it problematic/how would they like to see the church respond to Halloween? Why do ghost stories and horror films appeal to us?

14th November: NO GEESE – Vicci on leave

28th November: My Salvation Necklace

A discussion of salvation as we create a necklace that helps us remember and which can either be kept or given away as a Christmas present.

12th December: The Christmas Story

A creative session using chocolate and sweets to discuss the theology of the Christmas story while creating a fun collage that can be gifted to someone you love for Christmas or kept as a sweet indulgence over the holidays.

Geese will resume after the Christmas holidays on the 9th of January, 2026



IN CHURCH....



**Harvest Crafts, Lego Table
Vegetable Competitions...**
**★ Best decorated ★ Biggest of
its kind ★ Most unusual shape**
Jacket-filled Potato Supper

THEN IN THE RECTORY GARDEN....



**Bonfire, Singing
Hot Chocolate, Ginger Parkin**

Tickets: £10 adults, £5 Children, Family Ticket £25

Available on St Nicolas Church Website