



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 –
A short service for our community

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Services in the coming weeks:

Sunday 7th December – 10:30am we welcome Kathy Rickman

Sunday 14th December

Kathy will be bringing some Embrace the Middle East cards, olive wood Christmas Tree decorations and holding crosses, etc and olive oil and dates to sell tomorrow, so you may like to bring your pocket money to support. Kathy is happy to take I.O.U's if necessary.

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, Stefan 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.

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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.

For the Prayer Warriors among you, Wake up Wednesday – the Bacon Butty and hot chocolate outreach to young people on a Wednesday morning is in need of more volunteers to help, specifically someone, male or female who could help with the setting up and taking down of the gazebo and related equipment. They would need to be available from 7am, for about an hour. Please ask God to help us to find the right person, or people.

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 December 19th.

Friday 10-30 finishing by 2 pm, The Well@Lent Rise Light lunch club. 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. Geese will resume after the Christmas holidays on the 9th of January, 2026

Dates for your diary

From 1st December: The Circuit Staff have planned something a bit special for Advent.

Throughout Advent, there will be a new thought - a poem, a recipe, a song, something else - put on the circuit Facebook page each day by one of the Circuit staff, with a final greeting from all of us on Christmas Day. Please encourage everyone who is not already following the page to do so (Thames Valley Methodist Circuit) and to join in the fun, prayer and reflection over the coming weeks.

Saturday 13th December 10:00am – 12:00pm- Burnham Toddler Christmas Party – this will be a joint event between the Toddler groups at St Mary's Hitcham, St Peter's Burnham and our group here. We are planning a visit from Mary and Joseph, complete with donkey, as well as the man in a red suit. 😊 If anyone would be able to donate towards the cost of a small gift for each child, please speak to Pauline, likewise if you have energy to come and help set up or clear up that would be awesome.

Friday 19th December – Cod 'n' Carols. Sign up sheets are in the Church or you can sign up at Monday Club, The Meeting Place or CAMEO. Cost is £11.00 per person.

Sunday 21st December 10:30am Carol Service led by Rev'd Vicci. We will be serving mince pies after the service.

Thursday 25th December – the Christmas Morning service will be with Rev'd Vicci at 9:00am.

Thought for the week

Friends

It's still Advent! A week into December and with the second Sunday in Advent marked this weekend, Christmas preparations, parties and mince pies can make it feel as if Christmas is already here. For non-Church friends, some of whom have put their decorations up almost as soon as they had removed the spiders' webs and pumpkins of Halloween, our insistence that it is not yet Christmas may seem odd, but it is important.

It's important because living in the "now and not yet" of Advent, helps us to live in the "now and not yet" of God's kingdom. We know that Christmas will come. We are not those long-ago people who waited for over 400 years for a promised Messiah. The baby has been born, the stable has been utilised, Emmanuel is indeed "God with us." And yet... Although God's coming on earth in the person of his Son, Jesus Christ, ushered in his Kingdom, we are not yet living in

that perfect age “where justice rolls down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.” (Amos 5:24) Instead, we hope and pray for that time to come, and in the meanwhile, we try to live justly and righteously in the little patch of time and place that we have been given.

Advent then is for living in. It is not just about waiting or preparing for Christmas, but also for enjoying in and of itself. Preparing for Christmas in ways that honour the days we are living in, and not just that we are rushing around buying turkey and crackers is important. Recognising that whether we fast during Advent, or whether we use it to prepare for a party and then a fresh start to welcome in the New Year, or whether we will do very little beyond wrap a couple of presents and perhaps attend church, still these days of waiting are to savoured, in the same way as our days of waiting for God’s Kingdom are to be savoured. As Isaiah 40:31 tells us, “But those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles; they will run and not be weary, they will walk and not faint.” Waiting in this context is not idleness, but an active process of hope, trust, and expectancy, staying close-linked to God through prayer and study, so that we who wait can be assured of his provision.

God bless, Vicci

Prayers and Prayer Pointers –

Monday 8th December - Heavenly Father, I come before you in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ. - We live in a broken world, a suffering and sad world. Our world is full of mourning, many injustices, unspoken apologies and un comforted tears. - Lord, today, I hold up the broken to your reconciling healing. - I offer up this broken world, your world. - God of each moment, fill them with your Shalom.

Tuesday 9th December - Today is the Christian feast day of Hannah, the mother of Samuel. Today, you might like to pray for families everywhere – including your own or those who live near you. Pray for family dynamics, for healing where there is hurt, for safety and peace.

Wednesday 10th December - May you go from here with your heart stirred and your spirit awakened, ready to turn toward what is good, just, and true. - May the voice in the wilderness echo in your soul, calling you not to fear, but to prepare, to clear the way for love, and to make room for grace in places you thought were barren. Amen

Thursday 11th December - May you bear fruit that nourishes others – compassion, courage, peace, and joy – and may you know that the Christ who is coming also comes to meet you now, right where you are. Amen.

Friday 12th December - On this day in 1866 was the Oaks explosion – the worst mining disaster in English history. You might like to pray for all who risk their lives in jobs, roles or volunteer positions that are essential to keep our society functioning. Those who help make our world a safer, fairer place.

Saturday 13th December - Today is the Saint Day of St Lucy. Lucia comes from the same root as the Latin word for light, lux. A number of traditions incorporate symbolic meaning of St. Lucy as the bearer of light in the darkness of winter, hence the marking of this day in the midst of winter. - In the long, dark evenings that come at this time of year, you might like to light a candle and say prayers for light to shine in dark places – in your life, in your community, in the world.

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