



# 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 9th March Local Arrangement led by Jason Yannacopoulos with Deacon Margaret Chipandambira  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March we welcome Rev Vicci Davidson**

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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 , , , , Marilyn Marilyn and Bill; Julia; Pat; Freddy, Chris Tindall*

*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.

**Friday 10:00am Bible Study** led by Rev'd Vicci next meeting will be on Friday 14th March.

**Fund raising for Church repairs and upgrades to our building.** Our Church building and halls have been serving the Community in Lent Rise and beyond for over 125 years. Over the years the halls have been used for all sorts of community events from being the Child Health Centre where Mum's bought babies to be weighed, through Boy's Brigade, Ballet Lessons Community lunches and in the present day there are activities on every day \_ Chair based exercises, Pilates, The Meeting Place, Cameo, and Monday Club – plus various activities and meetings for the Church. All of this activity is beginning to take a toll on the buildings. The Stewards have been reviewing the jobs that need to be done and realising that we will need to raise a lot of money to cover the costs.

We are proposing a number of fund raising events and the dates planned so far are below.

Most families in the area will have (had) some connection with the Church over the years and we will be needing everyone to encourage friends and neighbours to support us.

### **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**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April Quiz night at Burnham Church from 6:00pm** .The cost will be £12.00 per head which will include a jacket potato and chilli (vegetarian option available) supper. The Methodist Church has a “no alcohol policy” so please bring your own NON-ALCOHOLIC drinks! Teams will be a maximum of 6 people – come in smaller numbers and join in with others on the night. Contact Joy Brown on 01628 664662 for more details or to book. We will be holding a raffle. If you

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could donate a prize, or have contact with someone who can, that would be greatly appreciated.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June the Stewards are planning a Table Top Sale...**The charge will be £10 per table and sellers will be asked to contribute a gift to the Raffle. More details to follow when approved by Church Council

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

Friends

Impossible though it seems, it is now five years since a global pandemic plunged us into the most tumultuous time that many of us had ever experienced, upending the economy, destroying the mental health of many and stretching a struggling NHS almost to breaking point. Of the 24,910,387 reported cases, 22,954,691 recovered, but it is the 232,112 who died who leave us feeling so bereft and underline our helplessness in those early days. By March 2023, according to the House of Commons Library, an estimated 1.9 million people in the UK reported that they were experiencing long covid, and of course, there were all the people who didn't get the medical interventions and operations that they would have had otherwise. It was a terrible time and this Sunday, the 9th of March has been allocated by the government as a Day of Reflection to remember the pandemic and its impact on communities across the UK.

The Methodist Church has offered this prayer to support our reflection:

Holy God, you are worthy of all praise, in times of sorrow and loss as well as in times of joy and celebration. As we recall and mark five years since the outbreak of the Covid pandemic in the UK we hold before you all who died, often without contact with those they loved most dearly; all who mourned under restriction and limits; all who died in care homes, those who gave birth alone and all those who lost their jobs and livelihoods.

We give you thanks for the selfless care of so many in the NHS and care sectors and local services who supported and upheld us at great cost to themselves. We thank you for all we have learned as a consequence of all that was endured: the importance of relationships, the value of touch and face to face contact, and access to green spaces and fresh air.

We pray for all those who live with the impact of long covid, for children and young people whose lives were impacted in so many ways, and for local churches. Hold us in your love and care, God of love, now and forever. Amen

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## Prayers and Prayer Pointers

**Monday 10th March** - God of all grace, I take a moment to pray for all the stories in the news today. Holding before you leaders, nations, conflicts, disasters, and those working for a better world. Come, Prince of Peace, come Lord of Light, Amen.

**Tuesday 11th March** - Write a note or a message to a friend with a Bible verse in it that you think might be relevant to your life. - Tell them you're thinking of them, and pray about them as they receive it.

**Wednesday 12th March** - Think about the fruits of the spirit. - Pick one of them that you don't feel you are very good at, or that needs some intentional work. - Spend some time praying about this, and then practice it for a whole day in all you do.

**Thursday 13th March** - Holy God, today I am thankful. I come in prayer, recognising and remembering this day that all I have received is grace, all is gift. I have received so much, and so often I take it for granted. Today, I come with a thankful heart, knowing how richly blessed I am, and seeking to offer gratitude. - You might like to list the things you are grateful for - go on as long as you possibly can! - Thank you God. Amen.

**Friday 14th March** - God of healing, Come into the places where there is division and pain. Come and bring the light of your love, I pray. Amen.

**Saturday 15th March** - Today it is 6 years since the first 'Fridays for Future' strike, when 1.4 million young people across 123 countries went on strike to protest about the climate crisis and relative inaction from leaders and governments. - Let us pray for our planet, for all of us as we seek to make adjustments to our lifestyle so we limit our negative impact on the world, and for leaders and those in power as they face the vital decisions that need to be made to limit and mitigate against climate disasters.