



# 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 9<sup>th</sup> February 10:30am Neville Walton**  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 10:30am Rev'd 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 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**, 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.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 6:30pm Community Dinner supporting Lighthouse Burnham.** Lighthouse Burnham are hosting a 3 course dinner at Burnham Park Hall. Tickets are available from Terry Gamble: [tjgamble321@gmail.com](mailto:tjgamble321@gmail.com) for a donation of £20 per person. All ages are welcome.

**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**

**One of my favourite hymns is “The right hand of God is writing in our land”.  
At 715 in the hymnbook, it is one of the ones I looked for when Faith and**

**Worship came out; I'm sure lots of us trawled the index to make sure that our own particular favourites had made the cut! I first heard the hymn the second or third time that I went to worship in a Methodist church, and I found it very moving. "If this is Methodism," I thought, "then this is where I want to be." Written by Patrick Prescod for the inaugural gathering of the Caribbean Conference of Churches in 1973, it signifies God's active presence and power working in the world, and specifically at that time, in the Caribbean.**

**It draws on biblical imagery of the hand of God signifying power and support. Thus we read in Isaiah 48:13 "My hand laid the foundation of the earth and my right hand spread out the heavens." In Isaiah 41:13 we read, "For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you 'Fear not, I am the one who helps you.'" And in Ezra 7:28 we read, "I felt encouraged because the gracious hand of the Lord my God was on me." Inspirational and comforting though many have found such verses over the years, still we return to our calling as Methodists to be the right hand of God for others. As Teresa of Avila said all the way back in the 16th century:  
Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on the world,  
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.  
Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on the world,  
Christ has no body now on earth, but yours.  
God bless, Vicci**

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### **Prayers and Prayer Pointers**

**Prayers and Prayer Pointers This week, we have a slightly different approach to our prayer prompts. You are invited, each day this week, to place a new sticky note (or similar) in key places around your home as prayer prompts. For example: - On your bathroom mirror: "Thank you, God, for creating me in Your image." - On your refrigerator: "Lord, provide for those in need." - On your phone: "Help me use technology for connection, not distraction." These little reminders can integrate prayer into your daily routines in a natural and**

meaningful way. Each day, choose a different room, or a different part of your life (e.g. you might like to put at least one in your car, or on your desk at work, or similar) and create a specific prayer that you think you need to hear. Each time this week that you come to the sticky note, use it as a prompt for prayer, and if your prayer needs are changing, then feel free to change or add to your sticky notes – they are for you! If you find this idea unhelpful, then you might simply wish to spend 5 minutes in silent, undisturbed prayer each day. Don't try to say anything, or have any particularly brilliant ideas, simply hold the stillness.

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