



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

Sunday 19th October 10:30am Holy Communion Rev'd Vicci Davidson – a reminder that there will be a “Retirement Collection” the proceeds of which go to our Benevolent Fund

Sunday 26th October 10:30am Jason Yannacoupolos

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.

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 24th October.

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. The full programme is below.

Dates for your diary

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.

Well in advance – put the dates in your diary....

During December ‘Posada’ will be on its way around Burnham. For us, the ‘Posada’ is a basket containing figures of the Holy Family, an Advent Candle, a book with the Christmas Story in, a camera and a notebook in which to record the adventures. If you would like to entertain the family in your home this Christmas to share the story with younger family members or neighbours please contact Pauline for available dates. This can be a fun event for family of all ages to bring the focus of Christmas to Christ.

Friday 19th December – *well in advance* so you can invite family and friends – Cod ‘n’ Carols. Sign up sheets will be in the Church or you can sign up at Monday Club, The Meeting Place or CAMEO.

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

4:00pm Christingle Service here. We will be preparing the Christingles on Saturday 20th Please come along and help if you are free.

This is what I’m aware of so far. Posters and flyers will come later. Please let me know if you have anything to add. (Pauline)

Thought for the week

Friends,

We have come to the end of the annual round of Harvest Festivals. Autumn, that “season of mists and mellow fruitfulness”, is fully upon us, and any time now we will start to notice that we have made a mistake if we pop out without a coat. The harvest is gathered in and we have perhaps given the lawn its final mow of the year, but if the summer seems a long time ago, the reality is that August was with us only six weeks past.

In the time of Jesus, harvests involved agricultural cycles of wheat, grapes and olives, which were crucial for survival but also symbolised spiritual concepts. The wheat was harvested in the late spring/early summer, followed by the grape harvest, and then the olive harvest in the autumn. These harvests were central to ancient Israelite life, influencing festivals and providing daily sustenance like bread and oil. Later, Jesus was to use the idea of Harvest metaphorically as he spoke of many people needing to come to know God in a new and real way, but there being a real lack of workers to share the Gospel with them. How often we have

felt that in our own times. Jesus goes on to ask his disciples to pray for more workers. (Matthew 9:37 – 38: Then [Jesus] said to his disciples “The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.”)

I wonder if we are currently praying for those who might need to hear the Good News, and workers to take it to them, or if we have just accepted that the situation is as it is? I wonder if sometimes we are so busy coping with the difficulties of not enough, that we forget that the reason it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven is because it is in our lack that we remember to turn to God. Are we still trying to figure it out for ourselves and forgetting to simply pray for more harvest and more harvesters?

Of course, Jesus’ answer was to summon the twelve and, having given them authority, to send them out, so perhaps this reflection comes with a health warning and we should be prepared for our prayers to be answered with “Go thou and do likewise” (Luke 10:37)!

God bless, Vicci

Prayers and Prayer Pointers –

Monday 13th October - On this day in 1269 the current building at Westminster Abbey was consecrated. Today, let us give thanks for places and communities that have kept the faith alive, that have nurtured creativity and spirituality, and have been places of sanctuary for those in need. - Whilst not all of our buildings have the grandeur of Westminster Abbey, we give thanks for property stewards and property secretaries everywhere – if you know one, perhaps send them a message of thanks this week.

Tuesday 14th October - Picture a butterfly - perhaps you’re lucky enough to be able to see one. Butterflies begin life as caterpillars, then undergo a change and emerge more beautiful than ever. How is the Spirit breathing new life into you today?

Wednesday 15th October - Holy God, I give thanks for this day, knowing that just my prayer of thanks will help me to notice more of the goodness of your glory here amongst me, here on earth. - Help me to notice your Spirit at work all around us, this and every day. Amen.

Thursday 16th October - Today is World Food Day – a day for celebrating all who work on providing food security and tackling hunger around the world. It was begun in 1945, to mark the creation of the UN’s Food and Agriculture Organisation. - Today, you might like to pray for those affected by food poverty, those in our communities who are choosing between heating and eating, and those with a challenging relationship with food.

Friday 17th October - Take a moment to slowly rub your palms together. Allow the gentle pressure, contact and motion to ground you in this moment and calm you.

Saturday 18th October - As you get ready to pray, picture yourself weighed down with suitcases and bags. Imagine the feeling of laying them down, and enjoy the feeling of lightness as you massage your aching limbs and stretch out your back. You know you're not leaving the luggage behind, never to see it again, but next time you pick it up, you won't have to carry it alone.

Monday 20th October - Lie on the floor or on your bed. Place your hands down by your sides, and simply rest there for a while. Breathe in deeply, allowing the air to fill up your belly, then breathe out slowly. Do this a few times, reflecting on all the chaos and busy-ness you are putting to one side.

Tuesday 21st October - On this day in 1805, Vice-Admiral Nelson (you know, the one with the column!) won the battle of Trafalgar, defeating French and Spanish fleets. This was a famous and crucial victory for the British Empire. - Today, looking back, we have a more complicated relationship with a history of empire and colonialism, and particularly the church's part in acquiring or supporting structures of power and violence. - Maybe today, your prayers could be for peace – peace between, and within, nations. May we let go of empire and build community instead.

Wednesday 22nd October - Holy and gracious God, Show me how to be a force for good in my community this day. May I see the signs that are invitations from you to get involved in sharing your story of love, today and every day. Amen.

Thursday 23rd October - Speak your own name into the silence. Remember you are loved and that God calls you by name.

Friday 24th October - Take a piece of paper and a pencil. On the paper, draw as many circles as you can, of different sizes. Fill the page with them if you can. Feel free to add colour if you wish. As you draw, reflect on how a circle has no beginning and no end; it is complete, whole and eternal. God's kingdom is like this, with each of us made whole and beautiful, unified in God's eyes. May God encircle you in love today, and empower you to do the same for those you meet.

Saturday 25th October - Go outdoors and find something natural: a stone, leaf, flower, or something else. Consider the ways God has made this thing and then reflect on how you too are wonderfully made by God. What does this mean to 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.

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