



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 13th July 10:30am is a Local Arrangement
Sunday 20th July 10:30am Rev'd Vicci Davidson

Prayer Cards



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:

This afternoon, 13th July, there is a circuit service at High Street on Sunday (tea at 5 and service at 6) to recognise the long service of Alan Crowle (50 years); David Ridley (30 years); and Jean Barnet (30 years). Worship will be led by our local preachers on note and on trial who are at the other end of their journey as local preachers and the preacher will be Revd John Swarbrick who was minister in the Maidenhead section back in the day.

For those who knew John Statham, his funeral service is at 1pm on Friday the 18th at High Street Methodist Church. Dan Toffa's funeral is at Burnham Methodist Church on the 25th of July, at 12:45, followed by a service of committal at Slough Crematorium at 2:30.

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 18th 1st August.

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.

Dates for your diary

As mentioned before the Stewards are overseeing a number of refurbishment projects around the Church. We have recently redone the kitchen floor, and have a new noticeboard on order for the Eastfield Road side of the Church. These projects cost money, and these particular projects have been paid for by the Stewards themselves. We are looking to replace the notice board outside the front of the Church – the current one lets the rain in and have been quoted £1000 for that. We are also needing to replace the flooring throughout, which will be a big expense.

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.

28th July – 1st August Lighthouse – Please keep the volunteers and children in your prayers in the weeks leading up, and during the event. Marilyn, Edna, Angel and Pauline are part of the team leading the Prayer Day on Thursday.

Sunday 7th September at 3pm Churches Together Songs of Praise at St Nicholas Church, Taplow, taking Charity as its' theme each Church is invited to submit a hymn related to a Charity they may support, and be willing to speak into the song and their Charity for a couple of minutes, Vicci has suggested that our choice could be around "All we can", as we will have had a speaker from the Charity leading our service shortly before this service. We are asked to **submit our choice of song by 17th August** – something to talk about over coffee in the coming weeks.

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Vicci's thought for the week

Friends

I am sure that, like me, you have been looking with horror at the news from Texas and the 100 plus deaths caused by flash flooding. The BBC tells us that "The influence of climate change cannot be ignored as another factor in extreme weather events like this. Whilst it is difficult to directly attribute the influence of the warming planet to one particularly weather event, sea surface temperatures in the Gulf of Mexico, where some of the air originated from, continue to be warmer than normal. Warmer waters mean more evaporation and so more available moisture in the atmosphere to feed a storm."

As various of our churches move towards gaining eco-church awards, either bronze or silver, we need to take seriously not just the response of our church leadership, but the response of each and every one of us. We are not changing tack at every latest initiative, but moving to an imperative which we need to take seriously, both for the future and because we believe that God created and loves the world. Indeed, he "so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believes in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life."

We need to see the response in both ourselves and our churches as being a theological change that is part of our honouring God's creation. If not, we are like the spoilt child who having accidentally damaged the edge of a gift, throws it on the ground and stamps on it in a tantrum of frustration, leaving the thing that could have been repaired utterly destroyed.

How we do that is up to us; but do something we must. It may be reducing food waste, using more public transport, refusing single use plastic, or replacing a

worn out, needed item with the very best quality we can afford and then keeping it as carefully as possible so that it lasts. What matters is that we do not in our time ignore the prophets as we did of old. Eco-scientists and the people who tell us the weather may not look like we imagine prophets to look, they may not even know that they are doing God's will, but we need to hear them and then as with God's people across the years, we need to respond to the voice of God.
God bless, Vicci

Prayers and Prayer Pointers

Monday 14th July - Find a moment where you can get sight of the sky. (It can be in real life or through an image you have) Let your mind wander and imagine who else might be looking up at the sky where they are. Consider the vast expanse of the sky. The many places it covers and the people who see it. Thank God for the gloriousness of the whole earth and all the people living under its sky.

Tuesday 15th July - Since 2023, the 15th of July has been marked by the EU as Victims of the Global Climate Crisis. - Today, let us hold in our prayers all who are affected by the changing climate, recognising that most of the blame lies with wealthy countries whilst most of the effects are felt by those living in poverty. - Bring hope, in the midst of this disaster, we pray. Amen.

Wednesday 16th July - God of all grace, Show me how to bring love into my community today. Show me how to be a person of safety, sanctuary and encouragement to those around me. Come, by your Spirit, Amen.

Thursday 17th July - Today is the saint day for Pope Leo IV, who was Pope in the ninth century, which offers us a reminder to pray for all our religious leaders today. - For the current Pope, still early in his leadership, for senior leaders in our own traditions, for all who feel the responsibility of power and the calling of ministry and seek to find a balance between these often-opposing forces in our world.

Friday 18th July - Pour yourself a glass of water. As you do so give thanks for its easy access, its cleanliness & its restoring properties. Pray for those where access to water is limited or impossible and feels like a luxury. Pay attention to what you might do in your life that might help those in places where water is a scarce commodity.

Saturday 19th July - Attention to your hands: - Spend a moment with your hands on your lap. Hold them open before God. Reflect on whose hands you have held in yours, the people you have shaken hands with, the gentle touch of friendship you have offered and received. Rest in the blessings of those encounters and give thanks

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