



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 16th November – 10:30am Rev'd Margaret Dudley

Sunday 23rd November – 10:30am Rev'd Vicci Davidson

Rev'd Vicci is on leave next week until Sunday the 23rd of November and any pastoral need should be referred to your pastoral visitor or steward. There will be ministerial cover from Deacon Margaret Chipandambira.

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 5th December.

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.

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Dates for your diary

Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd December – 60 year 4 pupils from Lent Rise School will be coming over to the Church for a Christingle celebration at 1:30pm on Tuesday. Please join us on MONDAY from 3:00pm to prepare the Christingles and craft bag. We will also need some help on Tuesday from 11:30 setting up tables and chairs in the hall....Please talk to Pauline. It's great fun to be part of this outreach.

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 – *well in advance* so you can invite family and friends – Cod 'n' Carols. Sign up sheets are 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.

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

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Thought for the week

Friends

I came across the story of a young family back in the nineteen-thirties. A father, mother and three-year-old son were at the service at their war memorial. The father said to the boy, "Look, all these names are of the men who didn't come back from the war." Then the child said, "Daddy, when do all these soldiers come back out of the monument?" The story was told by an un-named Methodist minister, who went on to say, "I work for that idea. To make the world these men would desire if they did come back out of the monument."

The world has changed so much, that it would rather bewilder anyone who died in the 1900's I imagine, but this idea of working towards a world that those who have died would be proud of, would desire, were they to return is simply one way of looking at working towards Kingdom values. References in the Bible to the return of Christ call us to work towards a world that he would approve of, love and enjoy.

One of the jewels in the crown of the Thames Valley Circuit is the Stanley Spencer Gallery in the old Methodist Chapel at the bottom of Cookham High Street. Stanley Spencer lived most of his life in Cookham and re-interpreted many Biblical stories using the people of the town. His painting "Resurrection of the Soldiers" centres on an unconventional, personal vision of Christian hope, the sacredness of everyday life, and a universal love that triumphs over the horrors of war.

The central theme is the broader resurrection, and Spencer interprets it as a joyful reawakening and reunion, rather than a day of judgement. Soldiers and mules emerge from their graves restored and peaceful to be reunited with their friends in an earthly paradise, which for Spencer was Cookham.

The painting is a personal memorial to his fallen brother Sydney and other comrades who died in the First World War, but rather than focusing on violence or an empty tomb, this painting focuses on a celebration of life, showing the dead reawakening to peace. It is a reminder both of our hope for those who have died and the importance of working towards peace.

God bless, Vicci

"Resurrection of the Soldiers". This picture can be found online

<http://www.nationaltrustcollections.org.uk/object/790185>

Prayers and Prayer Pointers –

Monday 17th November

- Why not spend some time in silent meditation today?
- You could set an alarm – perhaps for 10-15 minutes, and then finding somewhere comfortable, where you can sit and empty your mind.
- If it helps, you could use the Headspace app or website, or a similar service, to help you focus on the meditation and get used to the idea of sitting in silence for a length of time.
- Is this a practice you could include in your daily spiritual life?

Tuesday 18th November

- If you can, go on a prayer walk. Or ask someone to help you make a journey around your neighbourhood – just the few houses near you would be fine, or go on a longer trip if you'd like to take in a whole estate or community.
- As you travel past each house, pray for the people who live there – just in your mind, or under your breath. Hold their situations, whether you know them or not, in your heart.

Wednesday 19th November

- Clench your fists, then slowly open them as you pray. - God of courage, be with all who struggle with burdens too heavy to carry. Give them strength, hope, and companions on the journey. Hold us all in your care. Amen.

Thursday 20th November

- Today is World Children's Day – take a moment to pray for the children in your life, perhaps in your family, your neighbourhood, or your wider community. Pray for their safety, and their growing awareness of God's love for them.

Friday 21st November

- Today, pray for peace. - The world is full of conflict and violence and war. How can you be a person of peace in the midst of that context?

Saturday 22nd November

- God of love,
Show me something of the mystery of your love for me this day, I pray. Help me to learn more of you and your designs for me and my life. Amen

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.

Geese Programme Autumn 2025

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