



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

Circuit Services

Just a Song at Twilight – 2nd Sunday of the month – Learn more
about a member of the Church team.

<https://zoom.us/j/94770524280?pwd=WkZ5VC9leldkVVhTdG82c2xFZzB3Zz09>

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Services in the coming weeks:

Sunday 26th January 10:30am Circuit Service, St Andrews Church, Slough.

Sunday 2nd February 10.30am Liz Tottingham

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, Andrew and Peter Webb, 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.

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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. 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 in 14th 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 😊)

Dates for your diary

Sadly as most of you know, Peter Webb passed away at the beginning of the year. 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 20th 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.

All our thoughts and prayers are with Jo and Andrew at this difficult time.

The Circuit led Pantomime –this has now been moved to March –further details will be available nearer the time.

Rev'd Vicci's Thought for the Week

Friends

I have had an unusual number of encounters with ambulances over the last few days. I always feel a moment of heightened adrenaline as I try to assess where the siren is coming from, and which manoeuvre I can most helpfully make. Pulling over to the side is often the right decision, but you can risk damaging your tyres on unfamiliar verges. Sometimes as well, you are better off getting out of the way entirely and that was the decision I took today when the lights had changed and I felt (correctly!) that I had time to turn across the junction before the ambulance got to it.

As I looked in the rear-view mirror with some sense of satisfaction, I saw the ambulance tear across the junction a good five seconds after I had decided to cross. I wondered, how often do I get out of people's way spiritually, and how often am I tempted to stand in the middle of the road and encourage them to think what I think.

Jesus rarely told people what to think. He told the disciples sometimes, when he felt they should have known better, and perhaps the Sermon on the Mount can be seen as quite prescriptive, but often he would simply tell stories and then get out of the way so that people could do their own thinking about what those stories meant. I wonder what is more important to our development as Jesus' people: the full theological understanding of the meaning behind the parable of the Good Samaritan, for example, or the wrestling with what it might mean from our own understanding, and therefore what it tells us about God. After all, however thoroughly we understand the idea of the ambulance service, it's only when we dial 999 and the paramedics show up that we start to have a real experience of what their response is all about. Based on that experience, we either believe the ambulance service to be a good thing, or a bad thing, but it's the experience that counts.

Wrestling with the meaning of the parables by interpreting them through the lens of our own lives is how we really come to know and understand God, and that means sometimes

**we have to step aside from the clever and the learned and get out of our own way so that
we can hear God speak.
God bless, Vicci**

Prayers and Prayer Pointers

Monday 20th January - God of all grace, Today is a day where I can learn more of you and your ways, An opportunity to be challenged, changed and inspired by you and your love for me. Come, show me what is mine to do, I pray. Amen.

Tuesday 21st January - Around the world, there are many people actively working for peace and justice – humanitarian workers, campaigners, politicians, community organisers, fundraisers, religious leaders, and many many more. - Today, take a moment to pray for them, to seek wisdom from God on what it might be that you can do to help seek peace in the world, in Jesus' name.

Wednesday 22nd January - What would finding a moment of stillness look like for you this day? A moment when you can turn aside from your routine and intentionally listen to God's voice. - Come, Lord Jesus, into the stillness of my day. Amen.

Thursday 23rd January - Today, take a moment to notice the light. In these dark, winter days it is easy to miss the light shining. Whether its sunlight (what are the chances!?), a glimpse of the moon, a candle, a lamp, or similar...take it as a moment to celebrate and give thanks.

Friday 24th January - Living, loving God, Today we pray for all those involved in church leadership, All who set strategy, design programs, lead churches, chair meetings, All who seek to make space for grace in the midst of the working of the institution. May your Spirit guide and lead them today, we pray. Amen.

Saturday 25th January - You might simply like to use the mantra 'God is love' as you go about your day, today. Notice that God is present, always, and closer than you maybe often realise.

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