



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 21st September – Harvest breakfast from 9:30am
Harvest Service from 10:30 led by Rev Vicci Davidson, with
Holy Communion

Sunday 28th September 10:30am we welcome Henry
Mensah-Brown to our pulpit.

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, Mary, Anne, 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 26th September.

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

Sunday 21st September Harvest Service We are invited to share the Harvest Service at the URC on this afternoon which will be followed by tea, time to be confirmed.

Saturday 11th October 5:00pm-7:30pm Harvest fun event at St Nicolas, Taplow, see poster at the bottom, with details of how to get tickets.

Thought for the week

As I write this I have just returned from Windsor, where the town is gearing up for the state visit of President Trump. A strong police presence and the barricading of the Long Walk remind us that it was only two weeks ago that one of Donald Trump's staunch supporters was shot dead on an American college campus. The state visit has risks that must be managed, but is also a classic example of the soft diplomacy that this country performs in an almost unique fashion through the work of our royal family.

As Christians, we ourselves are constantly about the work of God's kingdom. We may not see ourselves as diplomats, responsible for the safety of the visitor, or

important in the organisation of international trade and relations, and yet we are.

1 Peter 2:9 says: "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into the light." We too are responsible for ensuring that the message of the Kingdom is shared with as many people as possible, that people are kept safe from harm, and that the lines of communication are kept as open as possible between God and the people around us. We do that by offering opportunities for worship, but also by recognising that when people are worried about what to eat, what to drink, and whether they can pay the fuel bill this winter, then there is not necessarily the space left to think about the things of God, and so we try to support people in that need. We do it too by maintaining good safeguarding practices, and by being as kind and loving and easy to talk to as we know how, sharing that love of God wherever possible.

Ultimately, the circus will move on, the President will return to America, and Windsor will return to its usual daily round. We have no such luxury. We are always ambassadors in the places where we have been set. As such, we have a responsibility to both tell and live God's word to the best of our abilities. May our soft diplomacy achieve, not the easing of tariffs and better trade deals, but the winning of souls, and the sense of hope and love that we have known ourselves in our church membership.

God bless, Vicci

Prayers and Prayer Pointers -

Monday 22nd September - Throughout history, and still today, Biblical scholars are unearthing and researching new and interesting approaches to these ancient texts that have formed and shaped Christianity – and many other religions too! - Today, let us pray for all who carry out study in the name of religion – seeking to share justice, to speak truth, to challenge misunderstanding. May we **learn from them, and from our own experience of the divine – this and every day.**

Tuesday 23rd September - Place some sticky dots around your home or living space. Maybe in places you go often or, if you choose, only occasionally. Each time you see one

let them remind you of the prayers you offer and the God you love. - e.g. Pop one on a light switch to be reminded Jesus is the light of the world and ask yourself how you will be a light for others. - Or: pop one by the tap to be reminded that Jesus is the water of life and ask yourself what you will do to help those who thirst for righteousness - Be bold and enable your prayer life to be part of your everyday life Wednesday 24th September - Light a candle and watch the flame dance around for a while. Sometimes, we feel like we can do so little to make changes in this chaotic world. Let this candle remind you that we all have our part to play; our 'little light' shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

Wednesday 24th September - Light a candle and watch the flame dance around for a while. Sometimes, we feel like we can do so little to make changes in this chaotic world. Let this candle remind you that we all have our part to play; our 'little light' shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

Thursday 25th September - Find a peaceful spot to sit down, even if you feel you're in the midst of noise and chaos. Ground yourself in the moment by mentally noting: o 5 things you can see o 4 things you can hear o 3 things you can touch o 2 things you can smell o 1 thing you can taste - Prayer a prayer of thanks for what you have noticed.

Friday 26th September - On this day in 1905, Albert Einstein published the papers that introduced his special theory of relativity, which has played a vital part in scientific thinking ever since. Some people have suggested that, if Einstein had not been able to think outside the box and come up with this remarkable concept, all the developments in science over the last 120 years still would not have brought us to his conclusions – he was well ahead of his time! - Today, in your prayers, you might like to focus on prayers of gratitude and courage for all who dare to think outside the box, to reimagine, to pioneer, to invent – perhaps especially within a church context.

Saturday 27th September - Some traditions mark today as the feast day of St Vincent de Paul, a French Catholic priest in the seventeenth century, who dedicated his life to serving those affected by poverty. - Today, let us pray for all who work to tackle poverty, here in our own country and around the world. May we do what we can to join in and strive for justice and equity in our societies and our world.

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

19th September: Agree/Disagree/Unsure

A session on how we make decisions. Are we influenced by other people? How do we refuse to do what our friends want us to do if we are uncomfortable with it?

This interactive session involves M&Ms and a whole load of pizza

3rd October: When life gives you lemons – make something

How does God bring good out of bad, sweet out of sour in our lives?

Involving lemons, craft and lemon tart (plus pizza).

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



IN CHURCH....



**Harvest Crafts, Lego Table
Vegetable Competitions...**
*★ Best decorated ★ Biggest of
its kind ★ Most unusual shape*
Jacket-filled Potato Supper

THEN IN THE RECTORY GARDEN....



**Bonfire, Singing
Hot Chocolate, Ginger Parkin**

Tickets: £10 adults, £5 Children, Family Ticket £25

Available on St Nicolas Church Website