



# 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 23<sup>rd</sup> February 10:30am Pastor Josh Wilson**  
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March Local Arrangement led by Pauline Poole**

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**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 and Andrew, Joanne Prior; Ed; George, Liz and family; Marilyn and Bill; Julia; Pat; Freddy, Chris Tindall*



*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.

**Friday 10:00am Bible Study** led by Rev'd Vicci next meeting will be on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February .

**Fund raising for Church repairs and upgrades to our building.** Our Church building and halls have been serving the Community in Lent Rise and beyond for over 125 year. Over the years the halls have been used for all sorts of community events from being the Child Health Centre where Mum's bought babies to be weighed, through Boy's Brigade, Ballet Lessons Community lunches and in the present day there are activities on every day \_ Chair based exercises, Pilates, The Meeting Place, Cameo, and Monday Club – plus various activities and meetings for the Church. All of this activity is beginning to take a toll on the buildings. The Stewards have been reviewing the jobs that need to be done and realising that we will need to raise a lot of money to cover the costs.

We are proposing a number of fund raising events – which we are confident the Church Council will approve- and the dates planned so far are below.

Most families in the area will have (had) some connection with the Church over the years and we will be needing everyone to encourage friends and neighbours to support us.

## 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 😊 )

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### Dates for your diary

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 6:30pm Community Dinner supporting Lighthouse Burnham.** Lighthouse Burnham are hosting a 3 course dinner at Burnham Park Hall. Tickets are available from Terry Gamble: [tjgamble321@gmail.com](mailto:tjgamble321@gmail.com) for a donation of £20 per person. All ages are welcome.

**The Circuit led Pantomime** – This is now scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> March at Burnham Church. Tickets are £10 each and available by contacting Susan Dickins: [smdickins888@gmail.com](mailto:smdickins888@gmail.com)

To mark the COVID-19 Day of Reflection, there will be a time of reflection on **Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am** in the Covid Memorial Garden at Stoke Poges Memorial Gardens. This will be led by local ministers. We will take time to remember those who lost their lives during the pandemic and to honour the tireless work and acts of kindness shown by many during this unprecedented time Pop into the office for tea, coffee and biscuits from 10am-12noon. Ee the poster in Church for more details.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April Quiz night at Burnham Church from 6:00pm – 8:00pm.** The cost will be £12.00 per head which will include a jacket potato and chilli (vegetarian option available) supper. The Methodist Church has a “no alcohol policy” so please bring your own NON-ALCOHOLIC drinks! Teams will be a maximum of 6 people – come in smaller numbers and join in with others on the night. Contact joy Brown on 01628 664662 for more details or to book.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June the Stewards are planning a Table Top Sale...**The charge will be £10 per table and sellers will be asked to contribute a gift to the Raffle. More details to follow when approved by Church Council

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### Rev'd Vicci's Thought for the Week

#### Friends

I have recently returned from facilitating supervision training for the Methodist Church, a way of ensuring that our work remains safe for us and our congregants. At its best, it helps all those employed by the Methodist Church, ordained and lay, to reflect on our work and thus to improve it. It is something which I am proud to be a part of, and that I think we do very well.

Although the word “supervision” may sound like someone looking over your shoulder in the style of the old “time and motion” people of the 1970’s, it’s not like that at all. Rather, it is an opportunity to share a piece of one’s own work and to wonder: “Could I have done this better?” “What can I do about this in the future?” The supervisor notices what is said and wonders what might be done, using various tools to explore the question that the supervisee brings. In so doing, it is possible to help develop people’s understanding of their work, increase learning and heal difficulties or painful experiences. Supervision relies on the idea that the supervisee has answers that are relevant to them and that these can be teased out by a skilled supervisor. It is often much more powerful than the sort of response that says, “Well if I were you, I would...” because as my mother always says, “If you were me, you would do exactly what I’m doing.”

Thinking about these things puts a new slant on some of the questions that Jesus asks: “If you love only those who love you, what reward do you have? Don’t even the tax collectors do the same? (Matthew 5:46)

Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your lifespan? (Matthew 6:27)

Why do you notice the splinter in your sibling’s eye, yet fail to perceive the wooden beam in your own eye? (Matthew 7:2)

Why are you so afraid? (Matthew 8:26)

As we wrestle with these questions, and others like them, I would argue that we draw nearer to God. In the same way, my colleagues and I seek to understand his will in our vocation as we work through our own questions in supervision.

God bless, Vicci

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### Prayers and Prayer Pointers

**Monday 24th February** - Write a note or a message to a friend with a Bible verse in it that you think might be relevant to their life. Tell them you’re thinking of them, and pray about them as they receive it.

**Tuesday 25th February** - Think about the fruits of the spirit. Pick one of them that you don’t feel you are very good at, or that needs some intentional work. Spend some time praying about this, and then practice it for a whole day in all you do.

**Wednesday 26th February** - Make a cup of tea or coffee, or something else to drink. As you drink it, imagine all the places and people that are responsible for making it, from source to your lips. Thank God for them, the source of all life.

**Thursday 27th February** - Listen to the sound of babies laughing – [Cute And Funny Baby Laughing Hysterically | 5-Minute Fails - YouTube](#) – pray thanks to God for happiness and life.

**Friday 28th February** - Sit silently for ten minutes and let your mind wander. Offer any thoughts and feelings to God.

**Saturday 1st March** - Draw around the shape of your hand. Write on it the things that you’re carrying that feel like burdens. Offer them to God in prayer, remembering that God carries your burdens with you.