



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 26th October 10:30am Jason Yannacoupolos

Sunday 2nd November 10:30am we welcome Alan Crowle 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, ---, ---, 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.

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 7th November.

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.

Dates for your diary

Well in advance – put the dates in your diary....

During December 'Posada' will be on its way around Burnham. For us, the 'Posada' is a basket containing figures of the Holy Family, an Advent Candle, a book with the Christmas Story in, a camera and a notebook in which to record the adventures. If you would like to entertain the family in your home this Christmas to share the story with younger family members or neighbours please contact Pauline for available dates. This can be a fun event for family of all ages to bring the focus of Christmas to Christ.

Friday 19th December – *well in advance* so you can invite family and friends – Cod 'n' Carols. Sign up sheets will be 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.

4:00pm Christingle Service here. We will be preparing the Christingles on Saturday 20th Please come along and help if you are free.

This is what I'm aware of so far. Posters and flyers will come later. Please let me know if you have anything to add. (Pauline)

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Thought for the week

When Mark and I were on honeymoon in Spain back in 1998, there wasn't the tech that we now have that does a lot of timing things for us. Everything went swimmingly until we visited the tiny little island of Tabarca off the Costa Blanca. It consists of a double row of houses leading to an open air taverna and is carpeted in semi-feral cats – an incredible number of them but quite friendly by and large. We knew that we had to get the last boat back because there was nowhere to stay on the island and although we were outdoors, Mark is extremely allergic to cats and we hadn't known until we arrived that there were umpteen more cats than people on the island.

Arriving at the quay in time for the last boat, we were dumbfounded to discover that there was no-one there and somewhat panicked we desperately tried to find someone who could tell us what was going on, given that the local's English and our Spanish were equally bad. In the end, we discovered that the clocks had gone back and we were alright because the boat was coming in an hour. Growing up as we had with "British Summer Time", it had not occurred to us that other countries might have their "summer times" too.

I wonder how often, in our knowledge of our own culture and faith, we miss the overlaps and opportunities to understand each other, by not thinking to ask the questions? Perhaps "Do you have something like ...?" would be a really good question. Paul in Athens, finding that they had an altar "to an unknown God" was able to point out that he had something like that in his faith, it was just that the question "Who is the unknown God?" had been answered. In the event of not knowing what to do with your extra hour this weekend, perhaps you might say a prayer for all those who are so like us, but who we think of as different through culture, faith or anything else.

God bless, Vicci

Prayers and Prayer Pointers –

Monday 27th October - In lots of parts of the country, today is the start of the half-term holiday. Maybe today you might like to pray for all who are travelling, or whose normal routine changes this week. - If that's you, take a moment to pray for yourself this week.

Tuesday 28th October - Light a candle.- Jesus, you are the light of the world. - Today, pray about the places you experience darkness in your life, that Jesus' light might shine divine light into those spaces and places.

Wednesday 29th October - God of all grace, Thank you for all that we have received – thank you that everything we have is gift. - Help me to appreciate all that I have and am.

Help me to live from a place of grace. Come amongst me, God of all grace. Amen.

Thursday 30th October - Look up a hymn or worship song on YouTube and sit and listen (you could use one of the ones from this Sunday's worship, above, or look for your own).

- Don't do anything else while you listen. - Let your hands fall to your sides or rest in your lap. Let your mind, body and soul tune into God through the music in prayer.

Friday 31st October - Today, spend some time outside, finding a garden or park, and sit for a while, paying attention to the wildlife that comes and goes around you. - Give thanks for creation, and the way God expresses something of God's-self to us.

Saturday 1st November - Open your Bible at the Psalms and read one as a prayer to God.

- What resonates with you? Consider in what ways these old words feel new to you and offer them to God.

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

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Geese Programme Autumn 2025

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