



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 30th March Local Arrangement for Mothering Sunday
Sunday 6th April we welcome Kathy Rickman

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 28th March.

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

Wednesday 9th April 10:30am The AGM of The Well@Lent Rise takes place. All are welcome to attend.

Friday 25th April Quiz night at Burnham Church from 6:00pm .The cost will be £10.00 per head which will include a “jacket potato and choice of filling” 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. We will be holding a raffle. If you could donate a prize, or have contact with someone who can, that would be greatly appreciated.

Saturday 21st 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

Rev'd Vicci's Thought for the Week

Friends,

Spring has sprung and some of you may have been spring cleaning. The manse family has – always a big mission for us as we use the opportunity to take stock of our rooms and our family. Is everyone in the right space for them at the moment? This year, it has occasioned a significant upheaval as we re-allocate bedrooms to make sense of the growing family. One of the joys of spring cleaning is that we think about hosting, and inviting visitors into our newly organised space. The improving weather makes us wonder about the state of the barbecue and I start to think less about cake and more about salad. (Not really!)

In his letter to the Hebrews, Paul strongly encourages the urge to offer hospitality, opening the 13th chapter like this: “Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.”

The second Celtic Daily Prayer Book from Lindisfarne quotes an ancient Celtic welcome, found over the door of an old inn in Wales, in connection with this passage:

Hail guest, we ask not what thou art;

If friend, we greet thee, hand and heart;
If stranger, such no longer be;
If foe, our love shall conquer thee.

Whenever anyone walks newly across our threshold and joins us for Sunday worship, we try to live those words. We don't do it consciously, many of you will not have come across these words before reading them right now for the first time, but nevertheless, that is what we are trying to do when we speak our words of welcome, and ask where the visitor is from, and would they like coffee, and how have they found us?

I take them as an encouragement then, to take these words to heart and to intentionally live them as we welcome visitors and newcomers alike to our churches over the next few weeks of lament and celebration.

God bless, Vicci

Prayers and Prayer Pointers

Monday 31st March - Challenge and inspire me, O God Shape my response to your grace, I pray, That I might hear your invitation to me this day, And join with you in your love for the community around me. Amen.

Tuesday 1st April - Today is April Fool's Day – a day for light-hearted fun and enjoyment, especially if you are a fan of practical jokes. - As you go through the day, try to think about the things in your life, or in the world around you that might make God laugh. Could you join in with divine joy where you see or notice it?

Wednesday 2nd April - Hold a moment of stillness. In the quiet, can you spend a few minutes in peace, holding space for God to speak to you. Listen and notice anything you think you need to respond to.

Thursday 3rd April - Lord of all grace, Today I know myself blessed, And recognise that I have received much. Help me to live a thankful, grateful life, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Friday 4th April - God whose table is always open, Help me to hear the invitation to take my place today, To see what is mine to do, And to extend that same invitation to others. Amen.

Saturday 5th April - The UK is experiencing a housing emergency – more and more people are affected by poor and unsuitable housing, and the number of people sleeping rough in England is now at 4,667, nearly 1,000 more than this time last year. There is much work to be done to resolve the structural issues that are causing these challenges for people – today let us pray for all working towards a solution, as well as those affected by the sharp end of the crisis.

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.

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