



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 November – 10:30am Sophie Thompson

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, Stefan 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.

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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.

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 5th December.

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.

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Dates for your diary

From 1st December: The Circuit Staff have planned something a bit special for Advent.

Throughout Advent, there will be a new thought - a poem, a recipe, a song, something else - put on the circuit Facebook page each day by one of the Circuit staff, with a final greeting from all of us on Christmas Day. Please encourage everyone who is not already following the page to do so (Thames Valley Methodist Circuit) and to join in the fun, prayer and reflection over the coming weeks.

Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd December – 60 year 4 pupils from Lent Rise School will be coming over to the Church for a Christingle celebration at 1:30pm on Tuesday. Please join us on MONDAY from 3:00pm to prepare the Christingles and craft bag. We will also need some help on Tuesday from 11:30 setting up tables and chairs in the hall....Please talk to Pauline. It's great fun to be part of this outreach.

Tuesday 2nd December 7:30pm St Peter's Church – Rotary Club Community Carol Service

Saturday 13th December 10:00am – 12:00pm- Burnham Toddler Christmas Party – this will be a joint event between the Toddler groups at St Mary's Hitcham, St Peter's Burnham and our group here. We are planning a visit from Mary and Joseph, complete with donkey, as well as the man in a red suit. 😊 If anyone would be able to donate towards the cost of a small gift for each child, please speak to Pauline, likewise if you have energy to come and help set up or clear up that would be awesome.

Friday 19th December – Cod 'n' Carols. Sign up sheets are in the Church or you can sign up at Monday Club, The Meeting Place or CAMEO. Cost is £11.00 per person.

Sunday 21st December 10:30am Carol Service led by Rev'd Vicci. We will be serving mince pies after the service.

Thursday 25th December – the Christmas Morning service will be with Rev'd Vicci at 9:00am.

Thought for the week

Friends

This Sunday is St. Andrew's day. Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland, but how did that come to be? According to early Christian writers, Andrew conducted missionary journeys in Scythia.

The Scythians were a nomadic people from Eastern Europe who eventually migrated throughout Europe some ending up in Scotland where according to the 1320 document, the Declaration of Arbroath, they settled and became the modern day Scots. It is certain that Picts and Gaels continued to live alongside them, but the writers of the declaration were making the case for Scotland's independence and claim that the Scottish people in their entirety were now descended from Scythians. By noting the separate ethnicity, the writers were furthering their claim to independence, and by confirming the link with Andrew, they were allying

themselves with the Papacy and its link to Andrew's brother Peter in the hope that the Pope would rescind his excommunication of Robert the Bruce and legitimise their fight with the English.

Scotland's link with Andrew had been in place for nearly 500 years already, when in a similar experience to that of Constantine, the Pictish King Oengus II saw a white, X-shaped cross against a blue sky before his army was to fight a much larger Anglo-Saxon horde, and vowed to make St. Andrew the patron saint if his army was victorious. The legend dates the initial adoption to 832, but it was the 1320 declaration that confirmed it.

Like many of our stories of connections with saints and the apostles, the truth of the story may never be told, but out of warfare and difficulty came something which offered hope and faith to people who were struggling. We too need stories that remind us that God is with us and in a 24-hour news cycle that is all too depressing, we need to look for these stories in our own lives. One of the long-held traditions of the Church, and a part of the Methodist Diaconal Way of Life, is the daily examen, where we replay the day in our minds in a prayerful way, asking the question "Where was God in that?" and giving thanks for the answers. If it is not currently a part of your prayer life, why not try it for a few days and see where it leads.

God bless, Vicci

Prayers and Prayer Pointers –

Monday 1st December - On this day of opening little doors and lighting numbered candles, at the beginning of this time of preparation and waiting, Come Lord Jesus. May your presence be known in the ready-ing and busy-ing and present-wrapping. Help me to focus on you, and your love for me, and for the whole world, And your heart, beating for justice. Amen.

Tuesday 2nd December - God my father and God my mother, God my big sister and God my little brother, God my best friend and God my Creator, I open myself up to encounter you again this weekend. - Move in my life, open my eyes and heart, That I may see your love, And know your invitation to be a part of your Kingdom. Amen.

Wednesday 3rd December - Today is the UN International Day of Persons with Disabilities – may you use this as a prayer prompt, for people you know or those near to you who are impacted by disability. - And continue to pray for changes in society, here in the UK and around the world, that enables people to mobilise for dignity and rights for all.

Thursday 4th December - O Come, O Come Immanuel. Pray this prayer today. As you go about your day, try to find as many opportunities as possible to mutter, say out loud, write down, breath, or just think this simple fiveword prayer: O come, o come, Immanuel.

- Notice how that prayer for a God who is with us, present to us, amongst us, changes, shapes and inspires your day.

Friday 5th December - December 5th is World Soil Day, which exists to raise awareness worldwide of the importance of soils for food security, agriculture, as well as in mitigation of climate change, poverty alleviation, and sustainable development. - Today, pray for all of us and our interaction with the soil. Help us to stay grounded, and to care for your environment.

Saturday 6th December

- Be still, for the presence of the Lord is here in this place. Be still, and know that I am God. Be still. Be still. - Perhaps you find stillness easily, perhaps you find it really hard. Today, mark out some time for stillness. Perhaps you could light a candle, and just hold a few minutes of quiet. Listen for the still, small voice...

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

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