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 1st November 10:30am Deacon Margaret Chipandambira
Sunday 8th November 10:30am – No Service here. 10:45am Service at Burnham War Memorial

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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: Pat, Julia, The Toffa family, Ed, David and Roxanne Chant, Kim, Joyce and Alan, Vicci and 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.

***This month on the** Ecumenical Prayer Circle we are praying for our friends at St James' Church, Dorney and for our Church family here at Burnham.*

This week in Burnham Methodist Church:

Monday Club for Senior Citizen's from Burnham Community Association.

Tuesday: LentRisers Toddler Group 9:15am – 11:30am

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 is planned for Friday 23rd October and fortnightly thereafter.

Friday 10-30 finishing by 2 pm, The Well@Lent Rise Light lunch club. 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 10 - 18 and is led by Vicci and Sophie at Windsor Methodist Church from 6 - 7:30 pm on alternate Fridays.

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Dates for your diary

Tuesday 10th November 12:00 – 1:00 Praying Together

Friday 11th December 6:30pm – The Well invites us to put our posh on and join them for a Charity Dinner, show and cocktail party at Burnham Beeches Golf Club. There is a three course meal and tickets are £65.00 per person. Full details including how to book are on posters in Church.

Friday 18th December 6:00pm…Cod'n'Carols….sign up sheets will be in Church soon….just book the date.

At a meeting on Wednesday a group of us started to put together plans for **130 year celebrations.** So far: Celebration Afternoon Tea Saturday 17th April 2027
Celebration Service Sunday 18th April 2027 – followed by lunch.
It will take the whole Family to make this work. So please look out for messages and pleas for help in the coming weeks.

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Thought for the day

Friends

With the American mid-terms and the Israeli elections coming up, both of which will have a global impact, there is a lot for us to be thoughtful about. Then there is the budget, carefully protected from leaks this year and announced after the deadline for this newsletter, but expected to announce a rise in minimum wage, although with 18 – 20-year-olds set to see lower increases than in previous years.

When I left school at 18 and went to university, it was still quite usual for people to leave at 16 and go straight out to work. Subsequent governments have wanted to break down the inequality that this could produce and continued a trend towards more time in education. Nowadays, although you can leave school at 16, you must continue in education or training until you turn 18. As Christians who believe that Christ came to offer "life in all its fullness" and as Methodists who developed the first Sunday Schools as ways of helping people out of illiteracy, we should be pro-education. Yet some people don't do well in the classroom. Matthew the tax collector, and Judas Iscariot who was trusted to be the disciples' treasurer were probably educated men, but it is likely that Peter, James and John were minimal scholars at the best. They could tally the fish, perhaps even write out a simple bill or receipt, but they were not the intelligentsia of the day. Indeed, it is suggested that the Gospel of Luke is the Gospel Peter would have given us, had he been as literate as Luke.

I wonder where that leaves us in a world where we know that there are an estimated 981 000 young people in the UK aged 16 – 24 who are not in education, employment or training (April – June 2026, Office for National Statistics). When we don't know these youngsters ourselves,

it is particularly difficult to imagine what would be helpful, but we have a responsibility to be as aware as possible of the options available to our youngsters in terms of school, college, university and evening classes so that we can also be aware of the difficulties these organisations locally may be struggling with. Education is always good, and since one size rarely fits all, we should be looking to support as much as possible in our own areas.

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Prayers and Prayer Pointers For This Week

Monday 2nd November - In light of it being All Saints Day yesterday, and the response to the readings, today you might like to make a list of the 'saints' in your own life: those ordinary, but extraordinary, people of faith who have guided, blessed or encouraged your journey. - As you write the names down, you might like to picture their faces and pray for each one in turn. - If it's appropriate, you might like to let them know you have prayed for them today.

Tuesday 3rd November - Continuing our theme around All Saints Day, today is marked in some traditions as the feast day of Martin de Porres, a Peruvian lay brother of the Dominican Order who is today recognised as (amongst other things), the patron saint of Black people, mixed-race people and all those seeking racial harmony.
- He died on 3rd November 1639, but his legacy is at least as important today as it was then, nearly 400 years ago. We still live in a world divided by racism and prejudice. - Today, your prayers might be for the spirit of Martin de Porres to continue to inspire our policies, our behaviour, our media, and our own relationships that we can move towards a world where there is no more racism.

Wednesday 4th November - God of all grace, Today I come to you with a simple prayer of gratitude. Thank you for this day, thank you for all that I have received. Help me to live this day as the gift I know it to be. Thank you, Lord. Amen.

Thursday 5th November - Today is celebrated as Guy Fawkes Night or Bonfire Night in many countries. - As fireworks sound and perhaps there is a community bonfire in your community, you might like to think of the line from Graham Kendrick's hymn 'Beauty for Brokenness' and use it as a mantra and prayer-prompt throughout the day: 'Come change our love from a spark to a flame'.

Friday 6th November - Be still, for the presence of the Lord is in this place.
- Do you know that to be true, of where you are right now? Can you quieten the distractions of your mind, of the world outside, of the television, radio, podcasts, notifications, phone calls…and be still? - Make some time today when you can be still, and use the time to pray or simply meditate in silence. - As you open yourself out, are you aware of the presence of God?

Saturday 7th November - Take some time today to look out of a window near you. What do you see? Are there people whose lives pass by outside of your window, perhaps in their cars, on foot or on public transport? Are there glimpses of creation you

can see? - As you watch these lives go by, you might like to pray for them, and the people who they will engage with today. - May your grace be known to them, O God. Amen.

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