



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 3rd May 10:30am Tim Dee-Mccullough

6:30pm Rev Vicci Davidson

Sunday 10th May 10:30am Yoko Reffell-Wyse

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: Marilyn, David and Lizzie, Jo and Andrew, Pat, Julia, Sheila, Stefan, The Toffa family, Ed, Hannah, Eleni, the Tindall family, David Chant, Kim, Joyce, Alan and the 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.

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 Friday 8th May.

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

Saturday 9th May @ Windsor: 10 - 4pm a hymn writing workshop for adults. Musicians and wordsmiths welcomed. You don't need to be able to play an instrument, come along and

explore some ways into hymn and worship song writing, write your own work and explore how to take it from idea to performance or recording. Whatever your style, all are welcome.

Saturday 4th July 2:00pm – 4:00pm (tea at 2:45ish)thank you to all of you who signed up with your availability to meet up and record some of our favourite hymns. The date most people are available is Saturday 4th July and that date has been confirmed with Vicci. There will be a sheet in the Church for us to write our favourite or most used hymns. Please add yours to the list, whether you are able to come or not.

27th – 31st July Lighthouse Burnham, Phoenix Rugby Club

Friday 2nd October 6:00pm here: Quiz and Curry night in aid of The Leprosy Mission. For those who don't like curry alternatives will be available.

Thought for the week

Friends

May Day is a European Festival of ancient origins marking the beginning of summer, usually celebrated on May 1st, around halfway between the Northern Hemispheres spring equinox (20/21st March) and the midsummer solstice (June 21st). Popular traditions include dancing round a Maypole, Morris dancing, gathering flowers and washing one's face in the morning dew to improve the complexion. When I was a teenager at boarding school, it was traditional to anticipate the rising bell (7am) by the fourth years going round the school at 6am with pots and pans and anything else that would make a loud noise in order to wake everyone up. We would then gather around what had once been a spring, but was now a tiny dribble coming through a valve onto the cricket pitch. I remember the first time I took part at the age of 11, standing watching this tiny little spigot with its little dribble of water and thinking "What on earth are we doing"? But tradition is a wonderful thing and it became a part of all the other things that we did and valued.

For us in the church, this time of year is building towards two things: for all Christians, the Feast of Pentecost, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the church in a very special way; and for Methodists, Aldersgate Sunday, from when John Wesley dates his conversion.

Other traditions, like the first lawn-mow of the year, spring cleaning and changing over from winter to summer wardrobes, may not be absolutely associated with a particular date, but will happen around now.

It's interesting to wonder what this time of year would have meant for Jesus in the 32 years prior to crucifixion. He would have eaten the Passover meal with family and friends, have

heard the old familiar stories and then perhaps in those last two or three years, the knowledge would have started to grow upon him that next year, or the year after that, the Angel of Death would not pass over, or at least, would not pass over him, and nothing would ever be the same again. Yet after, utter joy; just as there was freedom from slavery for the ancient tribes of Israel, there was resurrection and freedom and the hope for eternity for all people.

God bless, Vicci

Prayers and Prayer Pointers For This Week

Monday 4th May - On this day in 1256 (yes, 770 years ago!), the Augustinian monastic order was formally constituted by the Pope, officially recognising a community of people living by the rule of Saint Augustine (from another 800 years before that!), and which still exists in various forms today. - The monastic orders have contributed a great deal to the life of Christianity across many centuries, usually with a rooting in a rhythm of prayer. You might like to research or ask about any similar communities of prayer in your area or meeting digitally. Pray for those who pray for us, today.

Tuesday 5th May - In the UK, we marked St George's Day a couple of weeks ago, some of us with a sense of anxiety as the St George's Flag has become a contested symbol in recent years, having been partly co-opted by the alt-right and used as a symbol of exclusion. - Today, however, is the Feast of St George (or Al-Khidr in the Arabic) in Palestine. A celebration that began during Christian rule, but has become a shared feasting day for both Muslims and Christians in the region. Amongst the conflict currently happening in Palestine, let us pray for them on a day that connects the patron saint of England with the Holy Land.

Wednesday 6th May - 'We shall go out with joy, and be sent forth with peace...'
- What does your 'going out' look like today? Are you leaving the house and meeting people, visiting shops, or going to work? Are you looking out through your window to the world beyond? - As you interact with the world outside of your own private spaces, pray for the people you see, meet, or think about. If appropriate, you might like to ask someone if there is anything you can pray for this week.

Thursday 7th May - Hold a moment of stillness today. If you can, make it as long as 10-15 minutes. - During the quiet, simply offer into God's hands the things that are weighing you down or worrying you. - 'Come to me all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest'.

Friday 8th May - Today is the anniversary of the day in 1945 when World War II officially ended in Europe. - Today, in 2026, there is still war in Europe, and today we pray for peace, for all involved in or affected by conflict, for political and business leaders and the roles they can play for good. - Come, Prince of Peace. Come, Lord of Light.

Saturday 9th May - Today, when you eat, take a moment to think of all the people involved in bringing this food to your table, to your plate. - Give thanks for the farmers, the shopkeepers,

the transport drivers, and the miracle of modern life. - Perhaps take slightly longer to eat than you usually do, to appreciate the food in front of you and the gift of God's grace.

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