



# 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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Friends of Bill and Marilyn will be saddened to learn of his death last Monday. Bill was a man of faith and integrity, known in this church for his settings of familiar hymns to pop tunes and his intricate art work. Bill's funeral will take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 12noon here in his home Church, followed by a service at Slough Crematorium at 1.30pmPlease continue to keep Marilyn, David and Lizzie in your prayers.

**Services in the coming weeks:**

**Sunday 8th February 10:30am Genevieve Musay**

**Sunday 15th February 10:30am Rev'd Vicci Davidson**

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

*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.*

**We have been asked to let friends around the Circuit know that Arthur Baker, popular Local Preacher for many decade is now living at Foxleigh Grange Care and Nursing Home in Holyport. Visiting is at any time, but his meal time are 12.30 and 5.30pm**

**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 in February 13th.

**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. The next meeting is Friday 13th February.

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### Dates for your diary

**19<sup>th</sup> February for 6 weeks here at** Burnham Church “Refocussing Faithfulness” a course exploring a Biblical base for LGBT+ inclusion, led by REV’DS Josh Cleaver and Chris Hassall. See poster below to sign up.

**Sundays 22<sup>nd</sup> February – 29<sup>th</sup>,** 1:15 – 3:30pm Music Academy Lent Workshop for 9-18year olds, and Adult Workshop Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May. See posters at the back of the Church for details.



**Event date: Friday 20th February - Lighthouse Burnham** are pleased to announce details of our Fundraising Dinner for 2026. See poster below

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### Thought for the week

#### Friends

Last Sunday, after an ecumenical service at Burnham, I got talking with a non-Methodist and I was a bit surprised when he asked me why we didn’t do a confession and absolution. The flip answer would have been, “We did, weren’t you paying attention?” but I think he was used to a liturgy that is the same every week and therefore didn’t hear “the right words.” Of course, all of us can be guilty of letting things pass us by as we settle our hearts and minds in worship, but I thought that it might be a good opportunity to explain about the prayers that we use in the Methodist Church for those who don’t know, or perhaps haven’t given it thought.

A regularly ordered service will contain four sets of prayers, three of them short and usually said together, and one longer. The service will also invariably contain The Lord’s Prayer, and spotting that it is missing and pointing it out to the preacher is a time-honoured congregational sport.

The first set of prayers contain prayers of approach, praise and confession and are usually said after the first hymn. In brief they say: We are here; you God are amazing; in spite of this, we have got it wrong and ask your forgiveness. This is always followed by what is called the “assurance of forgiveness” in which the leader will remind the congregation that Jesus came into the world to save sinners and that if we truly repent, our sins are forgiven. The response to this is often: “Amen. Thanks be to God.”

Later in the service, after the sermon and as part of our response to it, we have the set of prayers which are called “Intercessions.” These will often include thanksgiving as well and are where we ask God for his help for ourselves, for the Church and for the world. Often, but not always, the Lord’s Prayer is said at the end of these prayers.

The skill of the leader is to write or source these prayers so that they link in with the theme of the service, amplifying what has been said, or what will be said, without using them as an

**excuse to preach further – after all, God already knows what the Bible says and doesn't need us to explain it to him! See if you can spot these things this week.**

**God bless, Vicci**

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### **Prayers and Prayer Pointers For This Week**

**Monday 9th February** - On this day in 1987, civil unrest broke out across areas of Palestine, including Gaza and the West Bank. It was one of many periods of violence over the last 80 years, which continue today. - Today, may your prayers be for lasting peace, for resolution, for safety for all people involved in the conflict and even – somehow – for the miracle of reconciliation. - Come, Lord Jesus.

**Tuesday 10th February** - Light a candle. Sit and watch the flame and think about the following question prompt: How does the flame move? o If it is moving a lot, reflect on ways in which God has moved you in your life. o If it is very still, reflect on ways in which God has been a constant for you in a life of ongoing changes.

**Wednesday 11th February** - Today is marked by the UN as the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, and our prayers could be of celebration and thanksgiving for greater equity in the workplace and in opportunities for people of all genders.

- Equally, you may wish to pray for all who do not feel the benefit of the ongoing battle for equality, and for sectors, individual companies and whole areas of our world where people don't feel fairly treated. - Come, God of justice, saviour to all.

**Thursday 12th February** - Today is the birthday of Charles Darwin, and is regularly marked as a day to celebrate his contribution to modern thinking. It might seem an odd day to mark in our prayers, given Darwin's conflict with (and rejection by) the church of his day...but perhaps is it as an opportunity for us all to think pray and reflect about grace. - Who are the people whose current thinking challenges us, feels outside our experience, or makes us feel uncomfortable? - How do we discern whether God is working through these people, expanding our horizons and testing our prejudices?

**Friday 13th February** - Think of someone you know that is in need or would benefit from some help. - Commit to a small act of kindness for them today. - As you carry this out, give thanks to God for them and pray for them.

**Saturday 14th February** - Today is the traditional day for marking the Feast of St Valentine, a Christian martyr, though it has become popularised and commercialised as 'Valentine's Day', a celebration of love in general. - Is there someone who might find today difficult – someone who is grieving a loved one, or who might be feeling especially lonely today. Hold them in your prayers. If it is appropriate, you might like to make contact with them, just to let them know you were thinking about them.

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Community  
**DINNER**  
sponsored by Burnham Parish Council

In aid of  
**LIGHTHOUSE  
BURNHAM**

Friday 20th February 2026

**Burnham Park Hall  
Windsor Lane  
Burnham  
SL1 7HR**

**Doors open at 6:30pm for 7:00pm**

**£25 per person**

**Payment by QR code below :**





# Refocusing Faithfulness

Exploring a Biblical Basis for LGBTQ+ Inclusion

19 Feb-26 Mar | 7pm | Burnham Methodist Church

Refocusing Faithfulness is a six-week course that explores a Biblical basis for LGBTQ+ inclusion in the Church. Hosted together by **St Mary's Church, Hitcham**, and **St Peter's Church, Burnham**, we'll hear personal stories, learn some tools for reading and interpreting the Bible, and journey through key topics such as creation, celibacy, the 'clobber' passages, and gender identity.



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