



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 10th May 10:30am Yoko Reffell-Wyse

Sunday 17th May 10:30am Rev Vicci Davidson

Followed by Annual General Meeting, followed by Lunch. Please join us if you can.

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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Update on Joyce: Things are slowly improving. Her speech is getting better, she is now able to write a little, so her grip is getting stronger, but she is still not able to walk. I had thought that the walking was only to do with blood pressure, but actually the stroke took out the whole of the right hand side, including the leg. However, she is making steady progress, albeit slower than I'm sure she would wish. I asked her if members of the church could visit yet and she said yes please. She is now in Amersham Hospital (HP7 0JD) in the BNRU unit and visiting is between 3 and 8pm.
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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 22nd 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

Thursday 14th May – Thy Kingdom Come – from Ascension to Pentecost . Prayer resources are available in the Church or <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/thy-kingdom-come-2026>

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

This week is Christian Aid week, and although the street collections have by and large petered out, nevertheless this is a good time to remember the organisation both in our prayers and perhaps with an online donation.

Christian Aid was originally founded in 1945 by British and Irish churches, including the Methodist Church, to provide humanitarian relief to refugees and victims of the Second World War. Originally called "Christian Reconstruction in Europe" it has evolved over the last 80 years into a global development agency, tackling poverty, injustice and humanitarian crises. In the 1950's, Christians Aid Week began, and the name Christian Aid was chosen in 1964. In the 1960s and '70s it expanded beyond Europe to include responses to humanitarian disasters in areas like Palestine and Korea, and in the 1980s and '90s, the organisation increased its focus on tackling the root causes of poverty, including campaigning for debt relief and justice for marginalised communities. It was Christian Aid that first coined the slogan, "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime."

From the 2000s to the present day, Christian Aid's focus has been on global justice around climate change, tax justice and refugees across the globe, working with hundreds of local partner organisations in over 24 countries in South America, the Caribbean, Africa and Asia and is a founder member of the Disasters Emergency committee (DEC).

James 2:15-17 tells us this:” If a brother or sister is naked or lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.”

I don't think that James is telling us that we must buy our way into heaven with good deeds here, but that if we truly love God, we would want to support our fellow human-beings. Christian Aid is one of the ways that we can do that, and I commend it to you this Christian Aid week.

God bless, Vicci

Prayers and Prayer Pointers For This Week

Monday 11th May - Pray for all those in leadership in your church and those who make decisions as a part of their role. Ministers and stewards. Family & pioneer workers. All those who sit on Church Council or important committees. Ask God to help them to seek

guidance on how our church can flourish. - Pray too for those in leadership across the world and the decisions they make. Ask God to help them make choices full of compassion and integrity so no-one gets left behind.

Tuesday 12th May - Opening the curtains, blinds or shutters - Take time to pray for the world and in particular those who live and work in your community. The shopkeepers, restaurants and bars. For Service providers...hairdressers, beauticians, banks and the Post Office. For health providers like the Doctors and Chemist. Give thanks to God for their skills and commitment, if you see someone who serves your community thank them in person.

Wednesday 13th May - Looking in the mirror - Each time you look in the mirror ask God to reveal to you what part you should play in their plan. What are your special gifts and graces? What in particular might you do today that would show God's love to others?

Thursday 14th May - Think about the clothing you're wearing. How it protects and warms or cools you. How it sends signals about the person you are. How it does its job at the right time

of day. How it fits with you and you with it. How it is hard fought for. How it is made and who made it. How it will be used when you no longer need it. Such a simple thing we take for granted, yet such a complex set of thoughts and feelings surround it. Pause

and share with God all your joys and concerns that arise from this simple act of noticing.

Friday 15th May - God of grace, Today I come to you in thanks. Thanks for all I have received, even though I often take it for granted and don't notice how blessed I am.

- Make yourself known to me today, Lord, by your grace. Amen.

Saturday 16th May - As you go about doing simple housework or chores today, why not take a moment to pray for those who keep our church and community buildings safe places for people to enjoy. The finance & property committees. Cleaners, gardeners and window cleaners. All those who visit our precious buildings to maintain them or use them.

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