



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 11th October 10:30am Joe Bullen
Sunday 18th October 10:30am Rev Vicci Davidson, service of Holy Communion

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 Cippenham Baptist Church and for our Church family here at Burnham.*



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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 13th October 12:00 – 1:00 Praying Together

Wednesday 14th October 12:00 midday Come along and help plan our 130 year celebrations. If you are unable to come, but have some ideas of how we could celebrate please talk to Marilyn or Judith.

Sunday 18th October 11:00am - 4:00pm Families Together in Burnham, Burnham Youth Centre...a fun day out with activities for all ages. Tickets £5 per person from May's Chocolate House...see posters in the Church

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.

Thought for the day

Friends

It is not true to say that I am always in when Mark gets home from work. However, if I am, then I am usually in my office with Ruby, the eldest of our three dogs, lying on the floor near me and the other dogs somewhere else. (Three dogs in one office are not conducive to any sort of work getting done!) She sits there quite happily while I get on with things at my desk, and leaves when I do, albeit with a bit of a “hmpphh!” Some days though she and I are in the office when Mark gets home, and she shifts from elderly dog mode to excited puppy, rushing to the door and scratching and whimpering until she is let out to greet him. She neither knows, nor cares, what else is on the other side of that door, or whether Mark is alone, tired, cross, happy – it doesn't matter. All she knows is that her beloved master is home and at that moment I cease to be of any interest to her at all.

I recently read a story in an old (1949) “Friendship Book of Francis Gay” where the story is told of someone trying to explain what dying is like. Hearing their dog scratch and whimper at the door in just the way I have described above, he reflects that this is perhaps what death is like. We don't know what is on the other side of the door, but we recognise the master's voice, and knowing he is there, we want to get to that place of safety and security.

More than 75 years later, it can seem a somewhat trite story, but as my 11-year-old dog rises to her feet more unsteadily than she would have a year or so ago, her excitement at Mark's return reminds me both of the story and the promise Jesus made in John 14: "In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would not tell you that I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going."

It has become somewhat old-fashioned to talk about heaven, life after death or what comes next, and yet the Bible is happy to do so, and perhaps also, so should we.

God bless, Vicci

Prayers and Prayer Pointers For This Week

Monday 12th October - Holy God, healing and loving God, Today we pray for all involved in the work of hospitals, GP surgeries and healthcare in this country, and around the world. Thank you for their work in helping others to stay healthy and to mend the brokenness of our bodies and minds. - Come, by your Spirit, O God. Amen.

Tuesday 13th October - Today is the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, which highlights the important work happening around the world in helping communities and nation states prepare for climate disasters, and help to mitigate their impacts on human life. - You can find out more, and support All We Can's Disaster Risk Reduction work here: allwecan.org.uk/appeals/emergency-relief-fund
- Today you might like to pray for all those doing this work and give thanks for lives they are saving in doing so.

Wednesday 14th October - On this day in 1933, Germany withdrew from the League of Nations and the World Disarmament Conference, as the Nazi Party took power and Europe was put on a course that led to the Second World War. - Today, you might like to pray for all the institutions and people involved in trying to keep the world a peaceful place, all those working to negotiate peace and seek to end conflict.

Thursday 15th October - Today is marked in some traditions as the feast day of Teresa of Avila, a nun, Spanish mystic and spiritual reformer from the 16th century. - She contributed a lot to Christian mysticism and meditative prayer. You might like to use today as an opportunity to meditate and reflect on how God is speaking to you today. - What methods of prayer work most reliably for you? Make some notes and talk to trusted friends about your thoughts.

Friday 16th October - On this day in 1968, Tommie Smith and John Carlos raised their fists in solidarity with the Black Power movement whilst on the podium at the Olympic Games. They were kicked off the team for this action and caused much division and uproar. - Nearly 60 years later, however, their gesture continues to inspire others to stand up to injustice and particularly to work towards an anti-racist, inclusive society. - That work is still on going, may your prayers and your actions continue to play a part in bringing justice to our unjust world.

Saturday 17th October - Take a moment to be still today. In the stillness, listen for the sounds of the world around you: how is nature speaking to you today? How might the Spirit of God be communicating through those sounds and rhythms?

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1. Burnham Park Hall Reception
SL1 7HR
9-5pm Mon to Fri
2. Cornerstone St Peter's Church
Church Street
SL1 7HX
9.30am-12pm Mon to Fri
3. Bluebird Care Offices
Summers Road
SL1 7EP
9-5pm Mon to Fri
4. The Old Five Bells Pub, Church Street, during opening hours.

We would be very grateful to receive any of these items. Thank you for your support!

The top 5 items we need this week

1. Tinned mackerel
2. Tinned corned beef
3. Dried pasta - penne or spaghetti
4. Tinned rice pudding
5. Gravy granules

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