



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 15th March 10:30am Rev'd Vicci Davidson

Sunday 22nd March 10:30am Deacon Margaret Chipandambira

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



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 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 27th.

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 27th February.

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Dates for your diary

Saturday 4th April - Burnham Toddlers Easter Party – following on from the successful Christmas party organised jointly between Ourselves, St Mary's and St Peter's Toddler groups where we welcomed over 90 people, we will be hosting the Easter party which will include an Easter Garden in the Church, Rev'd Josh from St Peter's will do a short talk, there will be an egg hunt and various craft activities....and of course teas and coffees. If you would like to get involved please talk to Pauline.

Message from Rev'd Vicci:

At our recent Church Councils, I floated the idea of putting out a pre-recorded service each week, which would, initially at least, be led by me. The idea is that I will record prayers, sermon and Bible readings in our various churches without a congregation present, and then edit them together with hymns sung by the congregation of the relevant church. I would then hope to put up weekly services coming from different churches within the section on YouTube with links from our church websites. In order to do this, it would be helpful to arrange a day in each church where members of the congregation will come and sing all their favourite hymns, allowing me to record around 20 hymns in each church, which will leave us a good bank of hymns to get started with. I am suggesting a Saturday afternoon, 2 - 4:30 with singing 2 - 3; tea 3 - 3:30 and singing 3:30 - 4:30. As a starting point, I have identified three Saturdays where I am available and wondered if you could let me know which of these are available for your church and/or congregation as far as you know. Ideally I hope to use one date for each church, so please let me know all availability

* 11th April * 13th June * 4th July

Either by responding to Pauline or using the sign up sheet in Church.

Thought for the week

Friends

The other day I was asked why Mothers' Day is during Lent. It's a very good question because it is somewhat odd that after four weeks of Lenten abstinence, we should suddenly call a halt in order to give flowers and chocolates to our mothers, or wrestle with all the complexity of feeling around the day based on our own experiences. It's not an easy day for some, so why do we have it? Why is it marked in the Church in a far more significant way than Fathers' Day is? Why do we have it in Lent?

When I first came to Windsor there were still two of our members who remembered the days when it was usual for young teens to go out to service. They would go to the local big house, or sometimes further afield, and they would start work as a live in scullery maid or gardener's lad. They would continue in this path, gaining increasing mastery in their tasks and eventually, if they were lucky, working their way up to Housekeeper or Cook, Butler or Chief Gardener. If they ended up in a good house, with kind people, it was a steady and secure life. However, they didn't get to go home often, and the big feast days were "all hands on deck" occasions. Originating in the 16th century, on the fourth Sunday of Lent, people were given the day off to return to their mother church – the church in which they were baptised. It allowed for family re-unions, a break in the harshness of Lent, and a small holiday to prepare for the solemnity of Holy Week and the big celebrations of Easter.

The idea of having a thanksgiving for mothers was an American idea following a campaign by Anna Jarvis, whose own mother had founded "Mother's Day Work Clubs" to promote public health. After her mother's death, Anna wanted to commemorate her mother's work in some way and held the first official "Mother's Day Service" in 1908. By 1914, she had persuaded

President Woodrow Wilson to make it an official holiday. It rapidly became extremely commercial, greatly upsetting Anna. However, the idea of honouring mothers was picked up in the UK at a time when the need for “Mothering Sunday” was dying out with the big family houses, and so we kept the date, but the tradition changed.

God bless, Vicci

Prayers and Prayer Pointers For This Week

Monday 16th March

- Find a moment where you can get sight of the sky. (It can be in real life or through an image you have). - Let your mind wander and imagine who else might too be looking up at the sky

where they are. Consider the vast expanse of the sky. The many places it covers and the people who see it. - Thank God for the gloriousness of the whole earth and all the people living under its sky.

Tuesday 17th March

- Thank you, O Lord, for the many blessings I have received. Help me to notice them and practice gratitude today, I pray. - Amen.

Wednesday 18th March

- We are now exactly 4 weeks into the season of Lent – how is it going for you? What have you learned or noticed? What might you like to focus on for the last 2 and a half weeks? - Pray about what comes up in your reflection.

Thursday 19th March - Pour yourself a glass of water. - As you do so give thanks for its easy access, its cleanliness & its restoring properties. Pray for those where access to water is limited or impossible and feels like a luxury. Pay attention to what you might do in your life that might help those in places where water is a scarce commodity.

Friday 20th March - Pay attention to your hands: - Spend a moment with your hands on your lap. Hold them open before God. Reflect on whose hands you have held in yours, the people you have shaken hands with, the gentle touch of friendship you have offered and received. Rest in the blessings of those encounters and give thanks.

Saturday 21st March - Holy, holy, holy are you Lord, God of power and might. Help me to notice the ways in which I am set apart for your service today, and to follow the plans you have for me.

- In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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