



# 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 17<sup>th</sup> May 10:30am Rev Vicci Davidson**

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

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 10:30am Joe Bullen**

**Message from Rev'd Vicci:**

Please note that I will be on leave from the 18th to the 23rd of May and that in my absence, people should approach their own stewards or pastoral visitors in the first instance. If a minister is needed urgently, then Revd Cliff Shanganya should be contacted.

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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, 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 6<sup>th</sup> June 5:45pm** St Peter's Church, Burnham. Lighthouse Bingo night £5.00 per bingo card. See poster in the Church for details

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Friday July 17<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm** – Lighthouse Fish and Chip supper fund raiser. More details to follow

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2:00pm – 4:30pm** Vintage Afternoon Tea party. More details to follow

**27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July Lighthouse Burnham,** Phoenix Rugby Club

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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## Thought for the week

Friends

The long six weeks of Easter are nearly over. On Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> the Church marks Ascension Day, and then next week is Pentecost when we hope to see you at Pentecost in the Park, the Churches Together in Windsor picnic and hymn sing in Alexander Gardens where we will remind ourselves and passers by of the joy of our faith.

I wonder what these six weeks will have been like for the first disciples. Not knowing how long they would have Jesus back for must have been confusing in itself. Did they think that everything would just carry on as it had pre-crucifixion and they would go back to walking the highways and byways of ancient Israel-Palestine, healing and teaching as they went? Surely they realised that change had come – but what change and what would it mean?

For us, at our end of history, the confusion is not gone. We too wonder each year what we are supposed to do with this knowledge that “Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.” Often, we eat our Easter eggs, enjoy the bank holiday weekend and then get on. There is so much to do, we are so busy, and we don't quite notice that we are still in Easter or know what difference it makes if we do.

Yet to be an Easter people in the place and time in which we are set requires just as much thought and work as it did to be a disciple in those early years. What, if anything, can we do against the rising cost of living, the rising tide of hatred, the drop in interest in the things of faith or the gathering together in community? How can we love our neighbour, when our neighbour scarcely looks up from their mobile phone to notice we are there at all? How can we strengthen the fainthearted when our own hearts are troubled, support the weak when we have little strength of our own, help the afflicted when we are struggling to put food on our tables, show love to everyone when we ourselves feel criticised and unloved? In seeking how to answer that question by using the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we become closer and closer to the people that God calls us to be.

God bless, Vicci

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### Prayers and Prayer Pointers For This Week

**Monday 18th May** - God of all grace, thank you that you accept me, just as I am.  
- Help me to use my own skills and knowledge to help make the world a better place, to pass on the grace I have received. - Show me what is mine to do, O God. Amen.  
**Tuesday 19th May** - Today, we pray for all who are making long journeys, and for those who work to keep our roads and railways as safe as possible. You might like to

think of someone you know who works in transport, or who is making a long journey this week, and take time to pray for them. If it's appropriate, you could let them know you have been praying.

**Wednesday 20th May** - Think about how God is at work in the lives of everyone. You can see God shining out from all people. - Remember this with the next person you speak to, and give thanks for the glimpses of God you see in them.

**Thursday 21st May** - Creator God, great shepherd of the sheep, fill me with your hope as I pray. Holy Spirit, give me the strength and courage for this day, fill me with the peace I need, and the joy of being surrounded by your love. Help me to notice where your love is at work in the world, and to get involved where I can. - Lord of love, show me what is mine to do today. - Amen.

**Friday 22nd May** - Today, for your prayers, you might like to focus on peace. There are live wars happening in our world and you may wish to pray about them, using a news website to help you learn about any that you might not be aware of.

- Or, you may feel you need to pray for peace in your own life, or the lives of those close to you. For those experiencing relationship breakdown, violence, conflict or tension. - Prince of Peace, come amongst us.

**Saturday 23rd May**

- Hold a moment of stillness, and pray for yourself today. - May you hear the prompting of God as you live your life this day, this weekend, this year, in Jesus' name.

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