



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 18th January 10:30am Covenant Service with Rev'd Vicci Davidson

Sunday 25th January 10:30am Circuit Service at Windsor Methodist Church

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: Bill and Marilyn, Jo and Andrew, Pat, Julia, Sheila, Stefan
The Toffa family, Ed, Hannah, Eleni, the Tindall 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 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 12 - 19 and is led by Vicci and Sophie at Windsor Methodist Church from 6 - 7:30 pm on alternate Fridays. Programme on the website.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 21st January 2:30pm Church Council – all are welcome to come along and see the decision making process of your Church - only Members of the Church are able to vote.

Sunday 25th of January Week of Prayer for Christian Unity there will be an ecumenical soup lunch at St. Peter's, Burnham at 1pm, followed by a 2pm Unity Service. (Churches Together)All are welcome

19th 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.



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

Thought for the week

Friends

The 18th of January marks National Winnie the Pooh Day and also World Religion Day which seemed a wonderful excuse to reflect on what Pooh might make of Methodism.

“I think,” said Pooh thoughtfully, sitting on a very small chair in a very large hall, “this Methodist Church is a bit like a jar of honey that everyone is invited to share, even if they haven’t brought a spoon”.

Pooh like that people here sang together, not because they were always terribly good at it, but because they meant it. It reminded him that hymns, like hums, work best when you do them with friends. And he noticed that the people were very keen on connexion which sounded to Pooh like the sort of thing you have when you hold hands so nobody gets lost on the way to tea.

“They seem to think a lot about being kind on purpose,” Pooh went on, “which is a sensible thing, because kindness left to itself sometimes wanders off.” He admired how the Methodists tried to make sure everyone had enough – enough hope, enough listening and importantly, enough cake.

In the end, Pooh decided that the Methodist Church was a place where faith wasn’t meant to be rushed, but walked along together, at a gentle pace, stopping often to see who might need a bit of help – or a bit of honey – along the way.

I must admit to having asked AI for help with the above, but sharing the load is yet another way in which Methodism (and indeed all Christian faiths) often operate. Whether we are wrestling with personal and individual things, or large and corporate things, we often find that sharing the thinking and perhaps the worrying with others is a good thing. In the same way, Jesus shared with his disciples in those three crucial years of his ministry, and Paul shared with other evangelists on his missionary journeys. We may not be as familiar with Barnabas, Silas, Timothy, Priscilla, and Aquilla and so on, but they were all a crucial part of the ongoing work, as each and every one of us is here in the churches in which we have been planted.

God bless, Vicci

Prayers and Prayer Pointers For This Week

Monday 19th January - Ripple prayers:

- Draw yourself a circle on a piece of paper, about 2 inches wide. Inside it, write the names of close friends and family members that you would like to pray for.
- Around this small circle, draw another bigger circle, about an inch from the edge of the first. In the gap between the small circle and the outside of the bigger circle, write the names of anything or anyone in your local community that you would like to pray for.
- Now draw a final larger circle around the second circle. In the gap between the second and this third circle, write the names of anything or anyone in the wider world that is on your heart and that you would like to pray for.

Tuesday 20th January - As you eat a meal today, consider where your food has come from. Where might it have grown? Been picked? Been packaged? How might it have travelled to you? - Thank God for all those places and people involved in your food's journey and pray for their wellbeing.

Wednesday 21st January - Reflect on times in your life that you have felt God's presence most strongly. Where were you? How did it feel? Consider telling a friend or family member about one of these times, or writing the experience down.

Thursday 22nd January - As you get up and prepare for your day, repeat and reflect on the words: - Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee!

Friday 23rd January - Yahweh is the Hebrew name for God – a name revealed to Moses in the book of Exodus. Take a moment today to sit still and breathe deeply. As you breathe in, think 'Yah' and as you breathe out think 'weh'. Repeat this over and over, reflecting on God's presence in every breathe we take.

Saturday 24th January - Lord of all light, Light my way this day, and this weekend, That those I meet may see your light shining through, And I may glimpse your grace everywhere. Amen.

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Sign up and help us raise funds by:

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2. Your favourite brands will donate when you shop with them. This includes Booking.com; ebay; M&S; Curry's; TUI; BT and John Lewis www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause

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.



 **Sign-up online:** bit.ly/refocusingfaithfulness

