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 October 10:30am Rev Vicci Davidson, service of Holy Communion
Sunday 25th October 10:30am Local Arrangement – bring and share a favourite hymn or piece of Christian poetry

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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: 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.*

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 10th November 12:00 – 1:00 Praying Together

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.

At a meeting on Wednesday a group of us started to put together plans for **130 year celebrations.** So far: Celebration Afternoon Tea Saturday 17th April 2027
Celebration Service Sunday 18th April 2027 – followed by lunch.
It will take the whole Family to make this work. So please look out for messages and pleas for help in the coming weeks.

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Thought for the day

Friends

Firstly, a big thank you to those who have been contributing to the meal train and in other ways have reached out to offer support to us at this time. The fact that I can manage my energy levels and continue to preach and offer ministry is because of this support and I am so grateful to you for it.

In the book of Acts, we hear how the disciples needed help in order to be given the space to focus on preaching the word, and so the first deacons were chosen. It is a powerful reminder that we are better as a team than as individuals and that although each of us can only do what one person can do, the combined efforts of a community are not just to be seen as a blessing in times of illness, but a necessity for the development of the Church and its work towards Kingdom values. This was seen powerfully at work at Burnham and Cookham at their Harvest lunches, at Windsor when we raised £500 for our "McMillan Sunday" and will be seen on the 10th of October at Windsor when our Harvest Supper will highlight and support the work of the night shelter as it prepares to open in December.

At our best, we see it in all our churches as we work together to make things happen and at our worst, those wonderful teams can seem to be exclusive groups that fail to be open to new people. I recently realised that leadership conversations that said, "Let's give … a bit longer to settle in before we ask if they might be involved in…" had meant that we left it far too long to ask and the person had wondered if they weren't wanted.

Today, I was discussing with a friend how far the world has come in its understanding of justice and equity. I have seen huge strides taken in many areas of EDI (equality, diversity and inclusion) in my lifetime, and yet still for some we are not moving far enough or quickly enough. How do we move at an appropriate speed to keep us all together, whilst still recognising the pain that some of our siblings are experiencing requires that we don't stop? Perhaps my earlier point about teamwork has some answers to this. In amongst all the conversation, the important thing is that we work together towards the Kingdom that Jesus proclaimed – a kingdom of justice and mercy, where all should receive life in all its fullness.

God bless, Vicci

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Prayers and Prayer Pointers For This Week

Monday 19th October - 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 and the Post Office. For health providers like the Doctors and Chemist.

Tuesday 20th October - God of all grace, come into this space today, I pray. God of all grace, be at work in my conversations and relationships this day, I pray. God of grace, help me to operate from a principle of grace, rather than one of selfishness or human nature, today and every day. - In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

Wednesday 21st October - Looking 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 22nd October - Sit outside (or open a window) and listen. - What can you hear? - What do you notice? - Listen for 5 minutes, breathing deeply and steadily as you do so. Allow all that you hear to simply be there. - As part of God's world, we are deeply connected to creation and to one another. Consider how you are part of the world you hear around you.

Friday 23rd October - Using the kettle, oven or microwave: pray for those who are struggling to make ends meet and for whom food and drink are not easy to come by. For those people where starvation is the norm. Consider what you might do to be part of Gods plan to ensure all can flourish.

Saturday 24th October - Today is celebrated as United Nations day, marking the beginning of the UN, after the end of World War II. - Today, you might like to pray for all involved in seeking to make the world a better, safer place, and understand your part in that work.

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