



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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Friends of Bill and Marilyn will be saddened to learn of his death last Monday. Bill was a man of faith and integrity, known in this church for his settings of familiar hymns to pop tunes and his intricate art work. Bill's funeral will take place on Friday 6th March at 12noon here in his home Church, followed by a service at Slough Crematorium at 1.30pm. Please continue to keep Marilyn, David and Lizzie in your prayers.

Services in the coming weeks:

Today, Sunday February 22nd 10:30am Kathy Rickman

Sunday 1st March 10:30am Local Arrangement

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

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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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

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.

Sundays 22nd February – 29th, 1:15 – 3:30pm Music Academy Lent Workshop for 9-18year olds, and Adult Workshop Saturday 9th May. See posters at the back of the Church for details.

Saturday 14th March Murder at the Bafta’s at Windsor Methodist Church See poster below and in Church.

Thought for the week

Friends

I am writing this at Alma Beacon as I start a night shift at the shelter. My shift is usually 10:30pm on Sunday to 7am on Monday and tonight I really didn’t want to come out. It was a cold, wet night and I’m already tired. However, as I said to Mark, however much I don’t want to come out, it is as nothing when compared to how much those who are on the streets don’t want to sleep there.

I wonder, in these last few days before Lent, how many times Jesus didn’t really feel like doing whatever it was that he had to do. We know of course that as he approached crucifixion, he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane: “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me. Nevertheless, not my will but thine be done.” But I am wondering about the ordinary days, the ones where he ended up healing, feeding or teaching. Did they feel extraordinary to him, or were they just the bread and butter of an itinerant preacher, albeit one who was also the Son of God?

Our own lives can feel humdrum at times, yet they are special because they are the days that God has given us. It is in and of itself an extraordinary thing that we are here at all, that there should be life and that it should have organised itself into the world in which we live. For many of us, the extraordinariness of it is why we believe that there is an organising power; that in the beginning, God created. We may have different ideas about how he created, and how long we are to understand “a day and a night” as being, but to me, it is as difficult to imagine the world randomly appearing and evolving like this as it is to imagine a whirlwind blowing through a scrapyard and producing a Boeing 747.

As I settle in for the night, accompanied by the sound of snoring from the dormitory and supported by my colleague, I am grateful for the coffee he has made me, for the bed that I know my labrador has stolen for the night, and for the knowledge that when I have finished this shift, I shall go home to a good job, a loving family and a full freezer. May none of us take these things for granted.

God bless, Vicci

Prayers and Prayer Pointers For This Week

Monday 23rd February - Gracious God, show me how to love without borders or restrictions, how to radically live out your calling on my life and your challenge to all of us to live in the way of love.- Show me how to be the kind of shepherd who would always go in search of the one most in need, how to reach out to the lost sheep in my life and community.- Show me how to love as you love, O Christ.

Tuesday 24th February - The German theologian Meister Eckhart once said, 'if the only prayer you ever say in your life is "thank you", that will be enough'. - Today, throughout the day (or whatever is left of the day), simply look for opportunities to pray the words 'thank you' to God. - Thank you for the sunrise. Thank you for that I have enough food for the day. Thank you for my health, such as it is. Thank you for that lovely conversation with a friend. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. - Amen.

Wednesday 25th February - God of all grace, I know you have plans for me- plans for me to be a part of your kingdom and an agent of love in the world.- Today, show me how to respond to the invitations I might receive. Help me to be open to the opportunities to share your love. - In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

Thursday 26th February - Today, take some time to observe nature. The first signs of spring are starting to show. We are nearing the end of the season the Celts refer to as 'Imbolc', the ending of the depths of winter and the time when new life starts to show. - Are there signs of new life in your spiritual journey, your discipleship? Are you able to discern some sense of what you are supposed to do next?- However those questions make you feel, spend some time praying about them, and maybe find time to talk to a trusted friend or someone from the pastoral team at your local church about your answers.

Friday 27th February - The next time you open your fridge, why not pray this little prayer: - Generous God, Thank you for the blessings you have given me, and the food for this day. Thank you for all the work of creation, all the work of farmers and supermarketworkers and delivery drivers that means this food can be here, in my house. Thank you for all that I have received. Thank you. Amen.

Saturday 28th February - Take time to find something in your home that you hold as precious and important. It may be a photograph, a flower or personal item. Whatever you choose consider:
o What is it that makes it important to you?
o What memories does it hold?
o How do you feel about it and what would happen if you lost it?
- Now imagine that God is holding you as precious and important:
o Loving and caring for you and your unique character
o Following your journey of faith
o Wanting never to lose you
o Bring all that to prayer, knowing that whatever you offer in this moment is precious and important.

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14 MARCH**

**Doors open 6pm
For 6:30pm
performance**

**Tickets £10/£8
(Light refreshments included)**

**Ticket information is available at:
windsormethodistchurch.co.uk/play**

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