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 25th October 10:30am Local Arrangement – bring and share a favourite hymn or piece of Christian poetry
Sunday 1st November 10:0am Deacon Margaret Chipandambira
There will be no 6:30pm service this evening and until further notice

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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 6th November 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

I have a ridiculous number of hats – a veritable wardrobe of them! In the late 80's/early 90's, the slogan was "If you want to get ahead, get a hat," and although most of us couldn't stretch to a Philip Treacey (milliner/hatter to global celebrities, royals, fashion houses and high profile film and music icons) we did at least know who he was. As a young opera singer and director, a bit of flamboyance was expected and I wore my hats with pride.

Mother-hood made hat-wearing harder and they went away for a decade or so, but then I had cancer in 2012/2013 and wore them more (bought more as well!) before putting them away again as my hair got in the way. You will be seeing them again as I go through chemo treatment, proving that no investment is every truly lost.

It's made me think about the hats we all wear, visibly or not. There are the crowns that we see hints of on the heads of some of our prayer warriors – as my mother used to say, those with crowns in heaven will be the old ladies in the back seats who pray for all the rest of us (I'm sure she meant the men as well! Then there are the hard hats of the property stewards, the nurse's hats of those who support us with pastoral care, the administration caps of the stewards and treasurers, the mitre boards of the readers, preachers and worship leaders who study to lead us in opening the Bible, the artists' berets of the creatives who work with our flowers, notice boards and public spaces to support people in understanding what we are doing and to help us focus on God's creation, the chef's hats of the catering and coffee team,

the caps of the gardeners and so on. We all wear multiple, invisible hats as we work together for the glory of God.

As we continue to notice God at work in our lives, I wonder what hat you have on right now, and if you have noticed some of the hats others are wearing? Where would we all be without the crown of Jesus, the "come and see" of Philip (perhaps he had a raised umbrella, rather than a hat?), the mitre board of Paul, the knitted sailor's cap of Peter and the bowler hat of Doctor Luke? I am looking forward to wearing my different hats in this coming year. I hope we can all enjoy them!

God bless, Vicci

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Prayers and Prayer Pointers For This Week

Monday 26th October - Today is the beginning of the October half term holiday in many parts of the UK. As this shift in rhythm and patterns for many families and communities happens…it might be a good time for you to review your own rhythms of prayer, reflection, meditation and action. - How can you spend more time focussing on the things God is calling you to do, in these final few weeks of 2026?

Tuesday 27th October - Breathe in slowly. As you do so, picture that you are breathing in God's love for you, your local community and for the wider world.

- Now breathe out slowly. As you do so, imagine sending that love back out into the world. - Repeat this at least 5 times.

Wednesday 28th October - God of all grace, thank you for all you are doing in my life and in the world around me. Today, help me to notice your presence, and give thanks. Amen**.**

Thursday 29th October - God of all grace, I take a moment to pray for all the stories in the news today. - Holding before you leaders, nations, conflicts, disasters, and those working for a better world. - Come, Prince of Peace, come Lord of Light, Amen.

Friday 30th October - As you prepare food today to provide sustenance for your body, reflect on the sustenance God's love for you provides for your heart, mind and soul too. Thank God for this love and channel this into your food preparation. Eat it slowly and steadily, reflecting on this too.

Saturday 31st October - Today is All Hallows Eve, or 'Halloween', a time when many people don costumes or decorate houses with traditional 'scary' symbols, reflecting the traditional belief that tonight was the night before All Souls day, and therefore a night that belonged to forces of evil. - Whilst some of these traditions are unhelpful and, at worst, dangerous, Halloween also brings people together in many communities – as children and families knock on doors and neighbours talk in the street. - As Halloween happens in your community, you might like to pray for a light to shine in the darkness, of your own life, of the lives of those around you, of the whole community.

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