



# 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 29<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday 10:30am Liz Tottingham**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday 10:30am Rev Richard Rooley**

**Services during Holy Week:**

**31st March 7:00pm at Cookham Rise**

**2nd April 7:30pm Maundy Thursday Service at Windsor**

**3rd April 1030am Good Friday Service at Windsor**

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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*

*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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**Members will by now have heard of the death of Sylvia Alexander. Sylvia was a member at Windsor Methodist Church, and before that at Old Windsor and also a stalwart of Thames Valley Voices. There will be a short committal at 1:30 on the 9th of April at Slough Crematorium followed by a service of thanksgiving at Windsor Methodist Church at 2:30. All are welcome.**

**Vicci will be on leave from the 11th to the 17th of April. Any issues should be addressed to your pastoral visitor or stewards in the first instance, and to Revd Cliff Shanganya if ministerial input is required.**

**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 10<sup>th</sup> April.

**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**

**Saturday 4th April - Burnham Toddlers Easter Party** – following on from the successful Christmas party organised jointly between Ourselves, St Mary’s and St Peter’s Toddler groups where we welcomed over 90 people, we will be hosting the Easter party which will include an Easter Garden in the Church, Rev’d Josh from St Peter’s will do a short talk, there will be an egg hunt and various craft activities....and of course teas and coffees. If you would like to get involved please talk to Pauline.

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### **Thought for the week**

Friends

We are nearly at the end of the night shelter – it will finish on Palm Sunday morning – and so tonight is my last night shift of the year. It has been a long time since I have stood a night watch, and all I can say is that it is easier at 27 than at 57!

We can rightly feel proud of the work we have done to support this through volunteering at the shelter and preparing food for it, yet still we should feel concerned that we live in a world where it is needed. When Jesus said, “Foxes have holes and birds have their nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head,” it was a warning to his followers, not an aspiration. Yet we are living in a society where night shelters, homeless projects and foodbanks have become a part of the landscape. We must ensure that we are not building a society where that is the case.

What I mean by that is that it is one thing to accept that we need things as a temporary support or scaffold and another to start to create a system that requires it. Over half of our night shelter guests have been able to find accommodation and moved on from us, yet nevertheless, I worry about the changes in society that have brought us so rapidly to the place where we now are. The first official food bank in the UK was established in 2000 by the Trussell Trust. While charitable food aid existed previously, this was the beginning of the modern, structured foodbank network and it has grown rapidly. By 2010, there were still only 35 Trussell Trust foodbanks, but by 2024-2025, this had grown to over 1,400 locations, and of course, other foodbanks are available.

Anti-poverty campaigners have been saying since 2010 that hunger is a bigger problem than at any time in the last 50 years and at this point when we are being told that prices will rise again, we need to look at how we can help both by supporting the Joint Public Issues Team in its stand against poverty and by continuing to support Martha's Table, the church Benevolent Fund or our local Foodshare. We may not be able to feed the five thousand, but we can perhaps still offer our five loaves and two fish.

God bless, Vicci

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### Prayers and Prayer Pointers For This Week

**Monday 30th March**- Today, at the start of Holy Week, take a moment to pause, to reflect on the story of Jesus' work in this week. It is a strange week, a challenging week, with many rollercoasters and much pain. - If you don't know the story that well, then perhaps you might choose to re-read the final few chapters of one or more of the gospels over this week, refamiliarizing yourself on their different takes of this conclusion to the physical life of the Jesus story as received in the Bible.

**Tuesday 31st March** - Take a moment to look in the mirror today. - 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?

**Wednesday 1st April** - Today is known in lots of parts of the world as 'April's Fools' Day - In 1 Corinthians 4:10, Paul writes, "We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ." - Today, may your foolishness for Christ allow you to take a radical action, to do something out of your comfort zone, to reach across a boundary. - Pray about what thoughts or ideas occur to you, and maybe talk to someone else about it.

**Thursday 2nd April** - Today is Maundy Thursday, the day when the Christian tradition remembers the Last Supper – the meal Jesus ate with his disciples before his death. - As you eat today, you might like to use these moments as a chance to pray for those close to you: those you are sharing the meal with (why not invite someone to join you if you can?), or those on your mind this day. Pray for them, for their futures, for the difficult choices they must face. - You might also like to think of someone who you feel has betrayed you, let you down, or hurt you. Can you hold that painful situation in the light of God's healing, forgiving grace? How does praying into that situation shape or change how you view them?

**Friday 3rd April** - Today is Good Friday, the day we remember the crucifixion of Jesus. - Today, perhaps your prayers might be for all who grieve, as Mary, mother of Christ, does in the gospel stories. In a world where so many young lives are lost, and so much bereavement reaches so many of us, offer a simple prayer for those in grief. - Comfort, O comfort your people, says the Lord.

**Saturday 4th April** - Today is the day in-between, the day of grief, the day of quiet. - Try to hold more stillness than you might usually, more quiet. If you often have the TV or the radio

on in the background, could you turn it off for a long stretch and enjoy the silence? Could you pause and meditate or pray, perhaps for a little longer than usual. - Today, don't try to force answers or solutions or resolutions, just allow the stillness to be still. The silence to be silent. The calm to be calm.

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