



# 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

### **Circuit Services**

**Just a Song at Twilight** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month -  
Learn more about a member of the Church team.

<https://zoom.us/j/94770524280?>

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info@burnhammethodistchurch.com**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 10:30am** Local arrangement led by  
Pauline

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 10:30am Communion Service led  
by Rev Vicci** during which 4 or possibly 5 people will be  
received into membership of our congregation. Please pray  
for them in the week leading up to the service. To  
celebrate and welcome them properly we will be sharing  
lunch together after the service. Please will you let Joy  
know if you are able to stay and join in.

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**From the Methodist UK website in light o the ongoing situation in  
Gaza...**

Oh God,

How many times must I pray for peace?

Despite all my prayers I see Gazan schools blown apart, lives shattered as  
people sought refuge and prayed.

I see hostages held and their families suffering every endless minute that  
they wait for release.

Why, oh why, oh God do my pleas fall on deaf ears, my tears rebound off  
stony ground and my hope falter under the sheer weight of death,  
destruction and devastation? Are you immune to this human suffering?

Yet, I know that your tears fall with mine, your hope is tested by the  
inhumanity of this current conflict and you yearn for that time when the wolf  
will lie down with the lamb, a time when they will not seek to hurt or destroy  
each other on your holy mountain.

So I pray again with all my heart for a ceasefire in Gaza, a release for the  
hostages and for a just solution that peace may flourish in the land where  
you walked.

Amen.

**Call to Action**

In an interview on Radio Four's Today programme (Mon 12 Aug) a Gazan  
doctor appealed to the new UK government and King Charles to act swiftly

and out of their humanity, to do all they could to end the horrific suffering in Gaza. Describing the starvation, the hospitals without medication, the destruction, the loss of past, present and future for Palestinians, he asked, "What can justify this - when the highest price is being paid by innocent people?" He called for an end to the war and for neighbours to live in peace. You can help amplify his voice by writing to your MP ([Find your MP - MPs and Lords - UK Parliament](#)) and asking for the UK government to support:

- An immediate ceasefire in Gaza
- The release of all hostages held in Gaza
- An arms embargo on weapons sales to Israel and any countries that might support Hamas.
- An end to the illegal occupation of the West Bank and East Jerusalem in the light of the International Court of Justice declaration - July 2024 ([Experts hail ICJ declaration on illegality of Israel's presence in the occupied Palestinian territory as "historic" for Palestinians and international law | OHCHR](#))

Give

It is still possible to give to the Methodist Church's Gaza appeal ([Gaza Appeal - Methodist Church](#)).

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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: Jo, Andrew and Peter Webb, Joanne Prior; Ed; George, Liz and family; Keith and Hilary; Marilyn and Bill; Julia; Pat; Angel's family, Freddy*

*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:

**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.

**And for the Youth of the Circuit**

**Geese - because questions need answers!! Every second Friday from 6pm at Windsor Church age 12 - 18.**

Call Sophie on 079048605 for more details and get involved, "as we ignite a passion for peace and justice. Join in tough conversations, paving the way for a brighter more inclusive future.....sparking change one conversation at a time".....(wish this had been around when I was that age 😊)

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### **Dates for your diary**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2:00-4:00pm** Church Council meeting. These Meetings are open to all Members of our Church - please come along if you are able, to add your thoughts to the future of our Church.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Together in Burnham 11:00am - 4:00pm** at Burnham Park Hall. This event is being organized by May's Chocolate House along with other community groups to celebrate the diverse and many activities running in the village. The event is open to all, so please encourage anyone you know who is able to come along and enjoy a taste of what makes Burnham unique.

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### **Prayers and Prayer Pointers for the Week Ahead**

**Monday 19th August Write a note or a message to a friend with a Bible verse in it that you think might be relevant to their life. Tell them you're thinking of them, and pray about them as they receive it.**

**Tuesday 20th August Think about the fruits of the spirit. Pick one of them that you don't feel you are very good at, or that needs some intentional work. Spend some time praying about this, and then practice it for a whole day in all you do.**

**Wednesday 21st August Find something in your house that is symbolic of your faith. Hold it. Give thanks for the journey of faith that God has taken you on in your lifetime. Ask for God to guide you on your onwards journey. Make a cup of tea or coffee, or something else to drink. As you drink it, imagine all the places and people that are responsible for making it, from source to your lips. Thank God for them, the source of all life.**

**Thursday 22nd August Consider how God is love, and where there is love, there is God. Leave a note, or send a text message, to tell somebody you love them or you're grateful for them. Pray for them as you write.**

**Friday 23rd August Sit silently for ten minutes and let your mind wander. Offer any thoughts and feelings to God.**

**Saturday 24th August Place your hands flat against a wall and push. Pray thanksgivings that God has strength enough for our weakness.**

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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](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause)