



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 - 2nd Sunday of the month -
Learn more about a member of the Church team.

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Services in the coming weeks:

Sunday 8th September 10:30am we will welcome Rev Margaret Dudley to our pulpit.

Sunday 15th September 10:30am a service of Holy Communion with Rev Vicci Davidson

Sunday 22nd September 10:30am Harvest celebration service with Liz Tottingham

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 Simon and Jill

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 week in Burnham Methodist Church:

Monday Club for Senior Citizen's from Burnham Community Association. This flourishing group is looking for a new leader to take on the overall running of the group. There is an active group of volunteers in place who manage things on the day, and activities are planned for the next year. The role would suit someone newly retired, looking for a new interest. This is a Burnham Community Association group that runs on our premises. Rev Vicci is holding the reigns temporarily until December and would love to speak to anyone who feels they could help.

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.

A member of Citizen’s Advice Bureau attends the Meeting Place on the second Wednesday of each month between 9:30 and 12:30. No appointment is necessary but messaging or calling Terry (07450004863 or 01753648759) a few days in advance is helpful.

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 restarts 13th September.

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 😊)

Dates for your diary

Sunday 22nd September Harvest Celebration Service - there will be lunch for all in the Church Hall. There will be more information in the coming weeks. Our offering at this Harvest time will be gifts for Care and Share the local food bank - as you can see from the “Top 5” list below they supply more than just food...Any items apart from the list will be gratefully received - possible not pasta or rice as there is always plenty of these items.



Sunday 29th September 3:00pm Churches Together Songs of Praise St Nicolas Church, Taplow, with tea afterwards. This is always a joyful time of worship together with Christians from neighbouring Churches. The theme this year is Harvest. Please let the Stewards know if you would like a lift.

Saturday 12th October from 10:00am - 1:00pm The Well@Lent Rise are holding an Arts and Crafts event here. Anyone is invited to come along and try some of the crafts on offer here each week.

Saturday 19th 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.

Sunday 24th November we are invited to join the URC as they celebrate 60 years in Burnham. More details to follow.

Friday 20th December - well in advance so you can invite family and friends - Cod 'n' Carols. Sign up sheets in November.

Saturday 25th January 2025 - even more in advance - Circuit led Pantomime - tickets @ £10 per head will be available from November.

Friends

I had hoped to write you a bright, bubbly piece on the joys of leave and looking forward to the autumn. Instead, turning to the news to ensure that nothing dreadful has happened that I might need to reflect upon, I find that dreadful things have indeed happened, and that lovely though the summer was, there is work to be done. As I write (Tuesday afternoon) it is to the news that a further group of refugees seeking to reach Britain have been lost in the English Channel with 12 confirmed dead and more missing. Simultaneously, a group of 5 12- and 14-year-olds in Leicester have been arrested for the murder of an 80-year-old man walking his dog. What is going on? While some people are struggling so badly in life, that a rough crossing in an inappropriate vessel to get to inhospitable shores feels like a risk worth taking, others at an age that is both tragically young and definitely old enough to recognise evil, have killed in a brutal and inexplicable act of group violence.

Over the summer, I have been reading a book by Dave Kinnaman called "You Lost Me". Written in America in 2011, it looks at research on why children who grow up in the Church fall away as young adults. In the end, the answer seems to be that the Church is

**not able to speak relevantly to the world, or even about the world.
Young people who are interested in fashion, finance, medicine,
science, media and politics are not finding the Church saying
anything in these areas, beyond a kind of generalised “steer
clear”, “beware” or even “Here be dragons”!**

**Sophie and I will be exploring the truth or otherwise of some of this
with our young people at Geese over the coming term, not so much
because the stories I highlighted above are personally relevant to
them, but because they are symptomatic of wider community
issues that we must address as a church and as a nation.**

**Methodism was born in an age of political upheaval where across
the water, French nobility was sacrificed on the steps of Madame la
Guillotine, and at home, there was a fear that education, spiritual
or academic, of the common people would result in the same.
Perhaps there are areas in which we need to take up that early
banner again!
God bless, Vicci**

Prayers and Prayer Pointers

Monday 9th September

- Time to get creative.

- Today, if you can, why not make a prayer mosaic? You could take strips of
tissue

paper, bits of recyclable rubbish, the newspapers from the week that have
piled up in

the front room, or anything you like...and tear out strips or pieces in
different colours

and stick them to a piece of paper.

- You might like to make a particular pattern or shape – a cross, a
representation of

the earth, some praying hands if you feel particularly creative...or you might
like to

just enjoy the process. Tearing and sticking. Cutting and sticking. Arranging.

- As you make your mosaic, think about the week just gone. Pray for the
people you

have met. Pray for the news stories that have stuck with you. Offer prayers
for those

on your heart today.

Tuesday 10th September

- God of all grace, Come and be known to me here, by your grace, Show me how to put your love to work in the world, Show me how to be a part of all that is good and wholesome and right, Show me how to share the good news of your love with people I meet, Show me how to follow you. Amen.

Wednesday 11th September

- Today marks the anniversary of the bombing of the twin towers, and the beginning of the so-called 'War on Terror'. - Today we pray for peace, for the kind of peace that brings healing, not more division, not more hatred, not the possibility of retaliation, but a deeper, shalom-peace. - God of peace and justice, help our leaders to act for peace today, and every day. Amen.

Thursday 12th September

- This is the day that the Lord has made. This day, the day you are living right now. As the worship hymn continues: 'let us rejoice and be glad in it'. - It isn't always easy to rejoice or 'be glad', but the hymn writer is inviting us into recognise that today is a gift from God, and we can celebrate that - if nothing else. - How are you celebrating the gift of today? How are you making use of it? How are you using it to offer worship to God? Pray about that this day, as you are out and about.

Friday 13th September

- Seek out a single 10 minute slot of solitude and silence today. - Instead of a prayer, just try to meditate, and hold a stillness in your heart. If you need to some words to fixate on, try this little eight-word sentence from Psalm 46:10: 'be still and know that I am God'. Saturday 14th September - Loving God, you walk with us in the hills and the valleys of life, You rescue us when we go astray, You welcome us back when we wander from you. God who is shepherd, guide me on straight paths this day, and this weekend, Amen.

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