



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 1st December 10:30am Genevieve Musey

6:30pm Rev'd Vicci Davidson

Sunday 8th December 10:30am Deacon Margaret Chipandambira

6:00pm Circuit Carol Service at St Marks,

with Thames Valley Voices

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; Marilyn and Bill; Julia; Pat; Angel's sister Edna, 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.

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.

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 next meeting 6th December.

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 2nd December 'Posada' will be leaving the Church after the 6:30pm Service during which the basket, and any Crib sets in the Church will be Blessed by Vicci. For us, the 'Posada' is a basket containing figures of the Holy Family, an Advent Candle, a book with the Christmas Story in, a camera and a notebook in which to record the adventures. If you would like to entertain the family in your home this Christmas to share the story with younger family members or neighbours please contact Pauline for available dates.

Friday 20th December - well in advance so you can invite family and friends - Cod 'n' Carols. Sign up sheets are in the Church or you can sign up at Monday Club, The Meeting Place or CAMEO.

Saturday 14th December from 2:00pm District Come and Sing Messiah conducted by Rev Vicci. Rehearsals are at Windsor on Wednesdays October 23rd, November 20th and December 4th at 6:00pm. Please let Vicci know if you are interested.

Sunday 22nd December 4:30pm Christingle Service here. There will be no 10:30am service at Burnham. I will confirm details for preparing the Christingles when I hear back from the other Stewards.

The Circuit led Pantomime - tickets @ £10 per head. THIS HAS NOW BEEN MOVED TO MARCH

Rev'd Vicci's Thought for the Week

Friends,

This Sunday marks the 1st Sunday of Advent. Today we will light the first of the Advent candles, the candle associated with Hope. The Joint Public Issues

Team (JPIT) is a partnership between The Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church. Its purpose is to help the Churches to work together for peace and justice through listening, learning, praying, speaking and acting on public policy issues. JPIT has six hopes for society:

- A just economy that enables the flourishing of all life
- A society where the poorest and most marginalised are at the centre
 - A world that actively works for peace
 - A planet where our environment is renewed
 - A society that welcomes the stranger
- A politics characterised by listening, kindness and truthfulness.

As we pray for hope this week, let us pray for a world that is informed by these hopes which speak to Kingdom values. When Christ said, "I am come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10) he is surely speaking to these hopes. When we are told in Psalm 82:3 "Uphold the cause of the poor" the psalmist is surely speaking to these hopes. When Matthew reports Jesus as saying "Blessed are the Peacemakers (Matthew 5:9), he is speaking to these hopes. When Paul writes to the Romans "Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made." (Romans 1:20) he is speaking to these hopes. When in the letter to the Hebrews we read "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (Hebrews 13:2), Paul is speaking to these hopes. When we are told in James 1:19 "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry", and in Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you," and in John 8:32 "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" it is to these hopes the writers look.

May this Advent bring you hope, and hope to all those with whom we work, and live and fellowship.

God bless, Vicci

Prayers and Prayer Pointers

Monday 2nd December - Come, Holy God, come close this day. Help me to know your closeness in the sunrise and the clouds, In the mealtimes and the quiet, In the midst of my everyday living. Come, O Come, Immanuel. Amen.

Tuesday 3rd December - Whether or not you are someone who gets into the festive spirit at this time of year, why not use the way the world around you is turning into all things Christmassy as an opportunity for prayer. -

Perhaps, every time you see or hear something related to Christmas (a song on the radio, an advert, a set of fairy lights in the street), you could simply pray: Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for your presence here on earth, Amen. - Or you could think of other words that might help you?

Wednesday 4th December - God of this day, I give you this moment, And all the moments to come. In the every-day activities of today, Help me to see your grace at work. Amen.

Thursday 5th December - Today, take some time to pray for your street. For the neighbours and other people who live in this street, for those who work to maintain or clean it, for the refuse collection workers, postal workers, and others who help to keep the street functioning. - If you feel able, you could walk up and down the street as you pray, using the time to think about others who walk this same route and how God is at work in their lives.

Friday 6th December - Loving God, in a world torn apart by conflict and war, Help me to pray for peace. Bring peace to the places, countries and individuals where there is conflict and violence at the moment, and may your will be done, your kingdom come, Amen.

Saturday 7th December - Look for opportunities to be thankful today. Are there any good news stories or glimpses of joy in your weekend that might normally pass without acknowledgement? - How can you be intentional about gratitude today?

Many of us are shopping online these days and the Church has signed up to a site through which some of our most loved retailers will give us a donation every time we shop.

Sign up and help us raise funds by:

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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