

### Lent Rise Matters - the info sheet for Lent Rise Methodist Church

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 10:30am** we have a Local Arrangement service. 6:30pm evening service with Barnabas Palfrey

Next Sunday 14th April we will welcome Alan Crowle to our pulpit.

### **Prayer Cards**

If you would like to ask for prayer for a specific person or event, ple complete

a prayer card, to be found on the table at the entrance to the Churenese 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.

# This week in Burnham Methodist Church: Monday Club for Senior Citizen's from Burnham Community Association.

For more information call Steve Tindall 07780 665910

**Tuesday LentRisers Toddler Group** offers a warm welcome to parents and carers of children from birth to school age. We are having a break this week, but will be back Tuesday16th. If you are reading this and would like to get involved in helping the group please contact Pauline.

**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.

**Bible Study**, led by Revd Vicci. 10:00am – 12:00pm. Next meeting will be Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April. We are looking at "Spiritual Needs" and the group has found the sessions informative, and challenging ....something we all need from time to time. The group is open to anyone who has an interest in furthering their personal Faith journey.

**Dates for your diary** 

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 7:30pm Sounds of Swing** at Cookham Rise Church. Tickets are £10 each, available on the door.

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May Easter Offering Service 3:00pm Hampshire Avenue Church.

### Alive to tell the story

Calling any singers and performers out there ... there is a Circuit Service planned for 23rd June at Windsor at which there will be a performance called Alive to tell the story by Susie Hare. Any singers and actors are welcome to come along to rehearsals on alternate Wednesday evening in Windsor Church between 6pm and 7pm. Please contact Rev Vicci in the first instance.

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

**Monday 8th April - Pray into the news**. Why not buy a couple of newspapers, or scroll through a couple of news websites on your phone or computer, and as you scroll or turn the pages, note down anything that catches your eye. You might like to find out more about the situation, particularly if you don't know the context of the news story. - In a moment of stillness (you could light a candle?), offer up each of these places and situations to God.

Tuesday 9th April - Let us pray for our global neighbours in Zambia – particularly in light of a recent cholera outbreak, with tens of thousands of people infected and (since January) the closure of schools. - The United Church of Zambia is a partner of the Methodist Church in the UK and provides health care across Zambia, running four mission hospitals and seven clinics. With support from the Global Relationships team and the World Mission Fund, the church has been a key part of the response to the outbreak, including the building of new sanitation blocks in three clinics.

Wednesday 10th April - Open your Bible at the Psalms and read one as a prayer to God. What resonates with you? Consider in what ways these old words feel new to you and offer them to God.

**Thursday 11th April - Find a globe or an atlas.** Look for one of the countries you have been praying about recently – perhaps Zambia or Tanzania, from this resource, or perhaps one of the other countries that has been in the news. - You might like to pray this short prayer whilst looking at the images of the world: - God of the whole world, you have this whole world in your hands. Help us to take care of it, as you would have us do. Help us to love one another, as you demonstrated we could. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

**Friday 12th April - Draw a picture of your local church**. Include on the picture all the ways you see God at work, and all the things you want to ask God to work in. Pray about it.

**Saturday 13th April - Visit the Global Relationships** section of the Methodist Church website to find out more about church twinning: https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/globalrelationships/opportunities-resources-and-twinning/church-twinning/ - Pray about whether this is something that would enrich your local church community (if you have one), or pray for those who are involved in similar projects: that they may be spaces of mutual learning and growth, of support and prayer.

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