



# 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?pwd=WkZ5VC9leldkVVhTdG82c2xFZzB3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 947 7052 4280

Passcode: 642790

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**Sunday 30th June 2024 10:30am** we will be live streaming the worship from the 2024 Conference in Leeds, including Reception into Full Connexion and Conference Worship of Deacon Margaret Chipandmbira. Sadly we will not be able to follow the Ordination Service as this is at 4pm. Here is the link if anyone would like to join at home.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/sOLWoWQVyds>

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 10:30am** we will welcome **Aqeela Daud** to our pulpit.

**6:30pm Service of Holy Communion with Rev Vicci Davidson**

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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:**

**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. 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 11th July. The group is open to anyone who has an interest in furthering their personal Faith journey.

**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

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** 7:30pm Echoes of Swing – Cookham Rise Church with tunes from the Great America Song Book

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July** MHA garden party 2:30pm – 4:00pm Cookham Rise Church, Meadow entrance

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July** Windsor Church taster day for Born in Song, music academy for 11-18 year olds 10:00am – 4:00pm. Contact Rev Vicci for more details.

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### Prayers and Prayer Pointers for the Week Ahead

**Monday 1st July** - Here at the start of this new month, spend some time in stillness and quiet, thinking about what new things you would like to start or get involved in this month. What would a new, healthy habit look like for you, what could you let go of? - God who makes all things new, show me the new thing you are doing in my life, show me how to get involved.

**Tuesday 2nd July** - What does the good news of the Gospel feel like to you? Can you express it as a prayer of thanks in just a sentence or two? - Once you have chosen or written your sentences, why not find someone to share that prayer with – as a text, or over the phone, or via email, or by chatting to someone today.

**Wednesday 3rd July** - Think about how God is at work in the lives of everyone. - You can see God shining out from all people. - Remember this with the next person you speak to, and give thanks for the glimpses of God you see in them.

**Thursday 4th July** - Do you have a favourite poem or song? - It doesn't have to be explicitly Christian. Consider the ways the good news of God is communicated through the words. - If it helps, use these words as a prayer today, perhaps humming or repeating them over and over again during the day.

**Friday 5th July** - Think about how God is at work in the lives of everyone. You can see God shining out from all people. Remember this with the next person you speak to, and give thanks for the glimpses of God you see in them. **Saturday 6th July** - Read a Psalms as a prayer to God. What resonates with you? - Does anything make you feel uncomfortable? - Consider in what ways these old words feel new to you and offer them to God.

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Friends

This Sunday, the 30th of June, marks the anniversary of the launch of the first ever emergency number. The 999 number was introduced in London after a house fire in Wimpole Street in 1935 in which five women died. Launched in 1937, it was later extended to the whole country. When 999 was dialled, a buzzer sounded and a red light flashed in the exchange to attract an operator's attention.

When the new service was launched, a notice in the Evening News advised the public how to use it:

“Only dial 999... if the matter is urgent; if for instance, the man in the flat next to yours is murdering his wife, or you have seen a heavily masked cat burglar peering round the stack pipe of the local bank building.

If the matter is less urgent, if you have merely lost little Towser or a lorry has come to rest in your front garden, just call the local police.”

There are many things about this story that might interest us: the comparatively short length of time from the fire in November 1935 to June 1937 is one. In this 18-month period, the powers that be decided that they must stop the repeat of such a tragedy; figured out what to do about it; invented a system; and then launched it. I also love the Evening News advice – how much less burden there would be on our own over-stretched emergency services if people paid attention to when it was an appropriately serious event to dial 999 for.

As Christians however, we have an additional service to draw on, whether we want a cosy chat, or to send up emergency flares. We call it prayer. The wonderful thing about prayer is that it's not us who have to decide whether or not to call. God is available to us 24/7 and although he decides when to respond, he listens instantly. God may sometimes say “No,” or “Not yet,” to a request, but he never says: “You are held in a queue; the operator will be with you as soon as possible.” He never says, “That is not something you should have dialled this number about.” I very much hope that this is not a week in which you have to dial 999 on earth or in heaven, but I also hope it is a week in which all of us remember that the lines to God are always open.

God bless, Vicci

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