



Lent Rise Matters – the info sheet for

Lent Rise Methodist Church

Sunday 17th March 10:30am we welcome Barnabas Palfrey who is a new, but experienced member of the Local Preacher team.

6:00pm Passion Sunday Circuit Service at High Street

Additional Services around the Circuit for Easter 2024

Holy Week Tuesday 26th March

Zoom service 6 pm Phillips

Holy Week Zoom Events: [ttp://bit.ly/ZoomHolyWeek](http://bit.ly/ZoomHolyWeek)

Cookham Rise 7.30 pm Davidson

Wednesday 27th March

Zoom service 6 pm Phillips

Maundy Thursday 28th March

Hampshire Ave 6 pm Davidson

High Street 6 pm Phillips HC

St Marks Crescent 12 noon Chipandambira Agape

Windsor 7.30 pm Davidson HC

Good Friday 29th March

Ledgers Road 3 pm Davidson HC

St Andrew's 11 am LA

Windsor 10.30 am Davidson

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.

Fifth Sunday fellowship lunch

On Sunday 24th March , as a time of fellowship and friendship, we hope to be sharing lunch together here after the 10:30 service. Everyone is welcome – even if you are not able to attend the service.

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 to be confirmed. 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

EASTER CELEBRATION LUNCH

AT LEDGERS ROAD METHODIST CHURCH SLOUGH BERKSHIRE SL1 2RL

EASTER MONDAY 1ST APRIL 2024 – 12.00PM

**THIS IS A FUND RAISING EVENT – ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS
LEDGERS ROAD METHODIST CHURCH FUNDS**

Tickets:- £14.99 per adult, £7.00 per child

Book your tickets now

Available from:Elsa 07818 058122. Ruth 07810 882224. Cynthia 07932 617676

See poster for menu. Looks delicious.

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 - the next being on Wednesday 13th March, and be part of this service. Please contact Rev Vicci in the first instance

Sunday 30th June – Leeds –You may well have heard by now the glad news that our probationer deacon, Deacon Margaret Chipandambira, has passed her probation with flying colours and has been recommended to be ordained at the coming Conference, the service accepting her into full connexion being on Sunday the 30th of June at 10:30 and her ordination being at 4pm that afternoon at Morley Central Hall. The Conference and Ordinations are in Leeds and tickets are free, but must be booked. They will be available at this link from the middle of April: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-conference/conference-2024/ordinations-2024/>

Because Leeds is a long way away and because many who do want to come will want to attend both services, we are not hiring a coach on this occasion. For some of you it will simply be too far, and for others they would prefer to arrive the day before and book a hotel. However, if you are thinking of going and want to look at the possibility of car sharing, please contact Pauline who will keep a list of those looking and those offering. Do let her know if you are intending to drive to Leeds and have spare seats.

For those of you who will be unable to attend the ordination, we are intending to stream the service of welcome into full connexion at the churches with that facility in lieu of a "live" service. It is likely, given our shortage of preachers at this time, that we will make these joint services.

Prayers and Prayer Pointers for the Week Ahead

Monday 18th March - 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? - You might like to share your notes with someone and compare similarities and differences – not because there is a 'right' and 'wrong' answer, but because we learn together as disciples.

Tuesday 19th March - Creator God, Thank you that your love for me is part of your great outpouring of love for the world. Thank you that I can see your care in the life of all you have created, From tiny seed to flourishing fruits. May I be reminded of your goodness in all that surrounds me, Constantly aware of your presence in the fullness of created life. Amen.

Wednesday 20th March - Think of a question you have about your faith. Either look it up on the internet, or ask somebody else about it. How does God meet you in what you hear? Have you changed your thoughts or beliefs or feelings as a result of what you've learned?

Thursday 21st March - Draw a picture of your local church building. 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.

Friday 22nd March - God of all grace, create in me a heart that longs for you, that I may love you deeply, worship you always, and trust in your everlasting life.

Saturday 23rd March - God of all grace, May you be at work in my gift-giving, so that the financial gifts I give to charity, church and community, and the other gifts that I am blessed with, can be used for the transformation of lives, hearts, climate, creation and the whole cosmos. - Come, Lord Jesus, Amen.

Vicci's thought for the week

Friends

During Lent, however much we recall Christ's time in the desert in our prayers, readings, Church life and liturgy, in Britain at least, there is far too much rain for us to truly identify with the desert experience. As I write this, when I am going somewhere where I need to look smart and well-pressed, the rain outside my window is not endearing itself to me. Nevertheless, there are, and always have been, parts of the world where rain is something to be prayed for and welcomed.

After Easter, when I travel north via my friend in Yorkshire and my Uncle and Aunt in the Lake District, I will enjoy driving through lush greenery and fields of sheep and lambs, all of it courtesy of the rain. When I arrive at my own home on Bute, the rain there (and it rains a lot!) will ensure beautiful woodland walks and hillside strolls. We may not love the rain while it is actually raining, but we benefit usually from its results. (Although of course, when Paul said “Moderation in all things” he may not have been thinking about the weather, but it definitely applies!)

Like our gardens, our countryside and our national parks, our lives too flourish where they are watered. In the great waiting periods of Lent and Advent, we are encouraged to water our spiritual lives in times of meditation, contemplation and discipline. Giving something up, hard though it may be, helps us to focus on the spiritual. As we water our spiritual lives, so they flourish and grow, ready to burst forth into glory at the celebration that follows, whether that be the natural glory of the spring at Easter, or the artificially created decorations of Christmas.

In these days when shops encourage us to celebrate without preparation and preferably all the time, and life is lived so fast that we struggle to find any time for contemplation, study or spiritual discipline, I wonder if that part of our lives is in a Lenten desert? If we do not consider the love of God for his creation, how can we care for the environment? If we do not consider the face of God in all whom we meet, how can we care for those who struggle most in our society? If we do not have time to consider these things, how can we think of action? And if there is truth in that thought, how can we water the spiritual element of our lives and the lives of those around us?

God bless, Vicci

We have a Church website page <https://www.burnhammethodistchurch.com> worth a look if you want to see what’s going on, in our Church and around the Circuit.

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:

1. Visit the link below Search for Burnham Methodist Church
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

Just a Song at Twilight –usually the 2nd Sunday of the month ..the link remains the same each month..

<https://zoom.us/j/94770524280?pwd=WkZ5VC9IeldkVVhTdG82c2xFZzB3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 947 7052 4280

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