



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 27th October 10:30am we welcome Neville Walton back to our pulpit.
Sunday 3rd October 10:30am Local arrangement
6:30pm Rev'd Vicci Davidson Ecumenical

Service

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:

We warmly welcome two new members to our Church Family....Matilda - great granddaughter to Joy and Alan, born on Saturday 19th October, and Rupert Mark born on Thursday - grandson to Rev Vicci and Mark - son of Sophie our Circuit Administrator. Let us remember both families in our prayers as they welcome these new lives.

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 next meeting 8th November.

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

NEXT Saturday 2nd November Family Fun Day here 12:00pm - 3:00pm....

We have 15 different activities taking place over the time....from biscuit decorating to story telling. We will need to be setting up tables and activities from about 9:30 - please could as many as possible come along...everyone can do something. Please talk to Pauline.

Wednesday 20th November from 3:00pm to prep. For the Christingle event the following day. Please let Pauline know if you are coming....all welcome.

Thursday 21st November Lent Rise School year 4's join us for a Christingle celebration. Please an anyone who is able come along on Thursday 21st from 1o'clock.

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Sunday 24th November we are invited to join the URC for lunch 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 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.

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

Friends

Methodism is a connexional church and the collective noun for us is “The Connexion”, deliberately spelled the way it was back in the 18th century. However, what does that actually mean? The technical description is “a form of church organisation especially in mission areas where scattered churches are held together by itinerant evangelists”. However, in our understanding, it refers to the way in which Methodist churches are connected and work together to support one another, share resources and carry out mission and ministry. All of us, at our best, are connected in a network of loyalties and commitments that support, yet supersede, local concerns.

We do this in practical terms by paying quarterly into the Circuit through the assessment, which allows us as a circuit to employ ministers and an administrator, and also to undertake joint ministry and mission projects. The big one on the horizon at the moment is the van project, and if you want to know more about that, then speak to your circuit meeting reps or to me next time you see us.

But thinking about it in a more spiritual sense, we can understand it like this. If each of us is a small piece or shard of pottery, we can hold a little water, but if those pieces are brought together, glued into a single cup, then they are capable of holding far more water than is ever possible by simply adding up the single pieces. We are able to go beyond feeling the presence of the Holy Spirit into holding within our togetherness “streams of living water” that allow our cup to be filled and then to overflow.

The times we spend together in fellowship, in our pastoral groups, in choir or Bible Study, or simply in coffee after worship, allow the

pieces to come together and form the cup, and thus for the greater work of God within us as individuals, as a church community, and taking the water out as it were, within the wider community. It is so easy to see church worship, usually on a Sunday morning, as a place when we are either fed or not fed, but it is far greater than this, and the times we spend together at any time are also part of that which glues us together into a cup that indeed runs over with the love and blessing of God.
God bless, Vicci

Prayers and Prayer Pointers

Monday 28th October - Today, go looking for resurrections The divine corrections To the misconceptions That God is dead or somehow uninterested. Notice the new life Emerging from amongst strife And see that the world is rife With everyday glimpses of glory.

Tuesday 29th October - The German theologian Meister Eckhart once said, 'if the only prayer you ever say in your life is "thank you", that will be enough'. - Today, throughout the day (or whatever is left of the day), simply look for opportunities to pray the words 'thank you' to God. - Thank you for the sunrise. Thank you that I have enough food for the day. Thank you for my health, such as it is. Thank you for that lovely conversation with a friend. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Amen.

Wednesday 30th October - Gracious God, show me how to love without borders or restrictions, how to radically live out your calling on my life and your challenge to all of us to live in the way of love. - Show me how to be the kind of shepherd who would always go in search of the one most in need, how to reach out to the lost sheep in my life and community. - Show me how to love as you love, O Christ.

Thursday 31st October - Gracious God, I know you have plans for me- plans for me to be a part of your kingdom and an agent of love in the world. - Today, show me how to respond to the invitations I might receive. Help me to be open to the opportunities to share your love. - In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

Friday 1st November - Today, Lord God, I thank you for your tenderness; For providing rest when needed, Strength when called upon, Resilience when pressed, Compassion when moved, Constant companionship whilst I navigate life, Encouragement when disappointments arrive, Direction when I stumble, Hope when I despair, Joy after grief, Forgiveness and redemption. Amen.

Saturday 2nd November - Is there a social issue in your area that is particularly noticeable? Perhaps something that is talked about in local media outlets, local community groups, or in your church? - Pray about this

issue, or list of issues, during the day. Is there something you could do to get involved in working out a locally-appropriate solution?

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.

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