



# 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.

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**Services in the coming weeks:**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 10:30am a service of Holy Communion with  
Rev Vicci Davidson**  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 10:30am Harvest celebration service with  
Liz Tottingham**

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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  
Simon and Jill*

*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. 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 27<sup>th</sup> September.

**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**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September Harvest Celebration Service** - there will be lunch for all in the Church Hall. There will be more information in the coming weeks. Our offering at this Harvest time will be gifts for Care and Share the local food bank - as you can see from the "Top 5" list below\*\* they supply more than just food...Any items apart from the list will be gratefully received -

**\*\*Tinned sweetcorn; tinned peas; toothpaste; shower gel ; rice**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 3:00pm** Churches Together Songs of Praise St Nicolas Church, Taplow, with tea afterwards. This is always a joyful time of worship together with Christians from neighbouring Churches. The theme this year is Harvest. Please let the Stewards know if you would like a lift.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October from 10:00am - 1:00pm** The Well@Lent Rise are holding an Arts and Crafts event here. Anyone is invited to come along and try some of the crafts on offer here each week.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Together in Burnham 11:00am - 4:00pm** at Burnham Park Hall. This event is being organized by May's Chocolate House along with other community groups to celebrate the diverse and many activities running in the village. The event is open to all, so please

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encourage anyone you know who is able to come along and enjoy a taste of what makes Burnham unique.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November Family FunDay** here 12:00pm – 3:00pm. We are planning all sorts of fun activities throughout the day, and will be looking to you for support where you are able to give it. Please talk to Pauline for more info and to offer help.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November** we are invited to join the URC as they celebrate 60 years in Burnham. More details to follow.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – well in advance so you can invite family and friends – Cod ‘n’ Carols. Sign up sheets in November.

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

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### **Friends**

**It is perhaps inevitable that, as the minister of Windsor Methodist Church, I should be more interested than previously in the royal family. Watching the video made by the Prince and Princess of Wales to share something of Catherine’s journey over the last year I, like most of us who know our Bible, cannot fail to respond viscerally to the statement “Out of darkness, can come light.” For the writer of John’s Gospel, it is Christ who is that light - the light that shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. We are looking forward to a dark winter. The loss of over 6,000 jobs in the steel industry, primarily in Wales and the north of England, the cutting of the winter fuel allowance for all but the very poorest, and the fears of ongoing wars around the world are stressful and worrying. But the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.**

**All of our churches in the Thames Valley Circuit are seeing growth as more people reach out to explore faith. Not in their thousands, not even in their tens, but they are there - you are there. The people who, for whatever reason, seek the light and have found it in the words and actions of Jesus Christ and in finding relationship with God through him, forgiveness of sin and hope for the future - a way to walk in the light.**

**As we journey into the autumn we will, as we do each year, be startled by the speed with which the nights draw in: the coldness in**

**the air, the brittle leaves and the relief that the lawn mower can be returned to the garage for the next few months. In this literal and figurative darkness, the Church seeks to test its heritage anew.**

**How do we reflect the light of Christ to the world? We three churches who stand at crossroads or on the brow of a hill - significant places - how do we as communities and individuals speak the hope of the world to the world? Let's think and pray this week about the ways in which we can light a candle in one place, or for one person, remembering the old Sunday School song "Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light, like a little candle burning in the night. In this world of darkness, so we must shine, you in your small corner, and I in mine." It was never a song about being apart, but about how all the little candles shining in their own little corner, could light a whole room as light joined to light.**

**God bless, Vicci**

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## **Prayers and Prayer Pointers**

**Monday 16th September** - Today, seek out a space to be quiet. Seek out a moment when you can just be in a quiet space, and listen to the sound of your own breathing. - Stay in this space as long as the responsibilities and calls on your time allow (i.e. don't get fired for disappearing from work for 2 hours!) and just listen to the rhythms of your breathing. Hear, in those rhythms, the ancient name of God: Yhud, Hey, Vah, Hey. Y H V H. Yahweh. - God is present, in your breath. Within and around you. In your very being.

**Tuesday 17th September** - This is the day that the Lord has made. This day, the day you are living right now. - As the worship hymn continues: 'let us rejoice and be glad in it'. - It isn't always easy to rejoice or 'be glad', but the hymn writer is inviting us to recognise that today is a gift from God, and we can celebrate that - if nothing else. - How are you celebrating the gift of today? How are you making use of it? How are you using it to offer worship to God? - Pray about that this day, as you are out and about

**Wednesday 18th September** God of all grace, Come and be known to me here, by your grace, Show me how to put your love to work in the world, Show me how to be a part of all that is good and wholesome and right, Show me how to share the good news of your love with people I meet, Show me how to follow you. Amen.

**Thursday 19th September** - This day, your prayers could be for our planet and the world we live in. - This day, may you say sorry for all the ways you hurt and pollute the Earth. - This day, you could use your times of prayer to reconnect with nature and to commit again to climate action,

climate campaigning and climate justice. - For resources and ideas to support your prayers – the All We Can or the Joint Public Issues website.

**Friday 20th September** - God of all blessings, Thank you for the gift of food to eat, For the flavours and the smells, - The energy and enjoyment I can get from the food I eat. I'm sorry for all the times I've taken for granted the food on my plate, the ingredients in my fridge, the ready meals in my freezer. And for all the other blessings I have received that I often overlook or forget to be thankful for. Amen.

**Saturday 21st September** - Loving God, I pray for those close to me – those in my own family or friendship circle – who I know are in pain this day. Those suffering from grief, illness, loss, mental ill health or another source of pain and difficulty. You know their challenges, and are with them in their sufferings. - Comforting God, who walks alongside those in pain, come, by your Spirit. Amen.

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**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  
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