



# 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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Meeting ID: 947 7052 4280

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**Services in the coming weeks:**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 10:30am Harvest celebration service with  
Liz Tottingham  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 10:30am with **Barnie Palfrey****

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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.*

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**Living God, as we head into this weekend, I pray for all the people and situations that have been on my mind this week. The stories known to me personally and the ones I've picked up on the news and from elsewhere. - I pray that I may know what it is that I am called to do as part of the response, and how I can enable and equip others to respond too.  
- Show me what is mine to do, Lord God. Amen.**

**This is an extract from the Prayers and Pray pointers from The Vine below that really spoke to me as I added it in. I don't know how many others listen to or watch the news from around the world and wonder "what can I do....all these things are way too big for me! I found these words helpful, I hope they help others too. - Pauline**

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**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 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 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 Fun Day** here 12:00pm - 3:00pm. We are planning a Family Fun Day on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, based loosely around Jesus being the Light in the world - coincidentally reflecting Vicci's Thought for the week - and are being supported in this by some friends from St Paul's Church in Slough. The purpose of the FunDay is to test the interest (or not) around us in running some Messy Church events - which these friends and a team from Windsor Church will run for us. We are increasing contact with young people through the Toddler Group and Vicci's work as a Governor at Lent Rise School , and we are again welcoming a group from the school for a Christingle event in November.

For this Fun Day to be a success we will need the support of our Church family - that can be through praying for the event; baking cakes; coming along to help with welcome car parking; preparing the building for the day... Everyone can do something.

**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 seems impossible that this Sunday marks the first day of autumn.**

**Surely it was only just the other day that we started 2024. Where did the summer go? Where did the year go? Time, as we know, just keeps galloping on. Through good times and bad the days run by and they seem to run faster and faster as we get older.**

**This week, the good and the bad have come so thick and fast that they have almost fallen over each other. There has been much sadness at Windsor as we say "goodbye" to two well-loved members who have gone to Glory, and yet at the same time, three**

**people were given notes to preach at the Local Preachers' meeting on Thursday - truly something to celebrate.**

**Jesus' ministry must have felt similarly exhausting in its ups and downs. He healed the sick, fed the multitudes, only to have them fall away when he told them he had to die - that the good times must share space with the bad. He proclaimed God's kingdom come, and was condemned for letting his disciples eat without undertaking the full ritual hand-washing. He died, but rose again to meet with Mary in the garden. The speed of the ups and the downs, the highs and the lows, must have been bewildering.**

**It is no wonder that throughout the Gospel account, we see examples of Jesus seeking to take himself away from the crowds and spend time alone with God. As he walked on the hillside near Galilee, or through the streets of Jerusalem, he was reminded of the great promises of God. These promises of salvation and protection and love can be found throughout the Bible from the Creation to the end of Revelation. God loves us. He protects us. He goes before us to prepare a place. He celebrates with us in the good times and grieves with us in the bad. Nothing can separate us from his love. And while his supporting, nurturing love goes on, he continues to build his Church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.**

**Whether this autumn marks for you the beginning of a new time of exploring and studying, training and preparation, or a time of grieving and of letting go, this is true: that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." My prayer is that each of us should be able to find just a little slowing down time, to reflect on the truth of that well-loved verse.**

**God bless, Vicci**

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### **Prayers and Prayer Pointers**

**Monday 23rd September - Lord, in this moment: Hold me, Accept me, Validate me, Inspire me, Guide me, Renew me, Challenge me, Strengthen me, In Jesus' name, Amen**

**Tuesday 24th September - Sit with your feet flat on the floor. In your mind name five things you can feel, Four things you can see, Three things you can hear, Two things you can smell, One thing you can taste. - Where do you notice God's goodness amongst these things? Give thanks.**

**Wednesday 25th September - Phone or text message a friend and ask them if they've got anything they'd like you to pray about.**

**Offer up their request in prayer to God.**

**Thursday 26th September - Try to find three separate times throughout the day where you can be still, for as long as you dare, and prayerfully meditate in silence. Even if its only for a minute each time, seize the opportunity of stillness to listen - to yourself, to the world around you, to God.**

**Friday 27th September - God of all grace, come into my conversations this day, that all who hear from me or encounter me, whether in person, online, through the phone or in some other way, will encounter something of your love, your grace, your peace.**

**Amen.**

**Saturday 28th September - Living God, as we head into this weekend, I pray for all the people and situations that have been on my mind this week. The stories known to me personally and the ones I've picked up on the news and from elsewhere. - I pray that I may know what it is that I am called to do as part of the response, and how I can enable and equip others to respond too. - Show me what is mine to do, Lord God. 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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