



# 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

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## Services in the coming weeks:

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May – 10.30am Local Arrangement**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May Easter Offering Service followed by tea.**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 10:30am we welcome Sue Clifford to our pulpit.**

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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 and Andrew, Joanne Prior; Ed; George, Liz and family; Marilyn and Bill; Julia; Pat; Freddy, Chris Tindall*



*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.

**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 will be on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

### **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.

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### Dates for your diary

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May An evening of Magic**, 7pm at St Peter's Church. Tickets are £12 per adult £10 school age child and includes a light buffet supper.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June the Stewards are planning a Table Top Sale...**The charge will be £10 per table and sellers will be asked to contribute a gift to the Raffle. More details to follow when approved by Church Council

**The Quiz night held on April 25<sup>th</sup>** was a big success. A fun night was had by around 45 people and £669 was added to the refurbishment fund.

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### Rev'd Vicci's Thought for the Week

**Friends,**

In the 2016 religious thriller, Conclave by Robert Harris, Cardinal Thomas Lawrence is the one who has to start the proceedings to elect a new pope, and unexpectedly veers off script to say this:

There is one sin which I have come to fear above all others: certainty. Certainty is the great enemy of unity. Certainty is the deadly enemy of tolerance. Even Christ was not certain at the end. "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" he cried out in his agony at the ninth hour on the cross. Our faith is a living thing precisely because it walks hand in hand with doubt. If there was only certainty and no doubt, there would be no mystery – and therefore no need for faith. Let us pray that God will grant us a Pope who doubts."

On Friday, I will be joining with our friends across the road at St. Edwards for prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Pope Francis, and for the work that is being done in Conclave even as I write, to choose the next Pope. It is not our way in Methodism to have a single person who leads, yet nevertheless, we can see that there is power in the office of the Pope, and indeed in the two archbishoprics of Canterbury and York, to be heard by a larger group of people than simply the Sunday morning congregation. May our prayers be with both denominations as they choose.

The Pope is seen as being in direct line with St. Peter, part of whose story we hear this Sunday. Despite knowing that he has let Jesus down when he denied him three times at the time of his arrest, Peter trusts Jesus to forgive him. Indeed, he may already have had the conversation as this is not the first time post-resurrection that they meet. Leaping into the water he swims to the shore and here we see the grace of Jesus in action. He gives Peter, three times, the opportunity to both declare his love for him and to receive his commission, the commission to feed and care for the sheep. As we come to church this week, do we come seeking forgiveness, or asking God what he would have us do next for him? In either case, we should trust him enough to both ask and to follow.

God bless, Vicci

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## Prayers and Prayer Pointers

**Monday 5th May** - Today is a bank holiday in parts of the UK. Can you use the opportunity to change the rhythms of a usual Monday to notice something that God is doing that is different from what 'normally' happens at the start of the week? - Pray about anything you notice.

**Tuesday 6th May** - Find a ribbon or a piece of string. Tie a knot in it, and think of a person you know who needs prayer.

**Wednesday 7th May** - Light a candle. Jesus is the light of the world. Pray about the places you experience darkness in your life, that Jesus' light might shine there.

**Thursday 8th May** - God of all grace, Heal our wounds, we pray. We carry scars from much that has happened to us here in this life. Show us what healing, wholesomeness and processing looks like, we ask you this day. Amen.

**Friday 9th May** - Pour a glass of water. Think about the things you do that get in the way of your relationship with God. You might think it muddies the water of your life, but God forgives us for all these things, and offers us living water. - Drink some of the water and give thanks for the way God reaches out to you with love and forgiveness.

**Saturday 10th May** - Think about the fruits of the spirit. Pick one of them that you don't feel you are very good at, or that needs some intentional work. Spend some time praying about this, and then practice it for a whole day in all you do.

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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:

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](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause)

# An Evening of Magic

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May

7pm



## With Jeremy Felix

Tickets £12 (school age children £10)

Price includes light buffet supper

Licensed Bar. Raffle.

St Peter's Church  
Church Street, Burnham,  
SL1 7HX



Tickets available from  
Cornerstone  
01628 664338

*Proceeds to the mission and maintenance of St Peter's Church*