



# 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 6<sup>th</sup> April we welcome Kathy Rickman**  
**Sunda 6th April 6:30pm Rev'd Vicci Davidson**

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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.

**Friday 10:00am Bible Study** led by Rev'd Vicci next meeting will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April

**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**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 10:30am The AGM of The Well@Lent Rise** takes place. All are welcome to attend.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April Quiz night at Burnham Church from 6:00pm** .The cost will be £10.00 per head which will include a “jacket potato and choice of filling” supper. The Methodist Church has a “no alcohol policy” so please bring your own NON-ALCOHOLIC drinks! Teams will be a maximum of 6 people – come in smaller numbers and join in with others on the night. Contact Joy Brown on 01628 664662 for more details or to book. We will be holding a raffle. If you could donate a prize, or have contact with someone who can, that would be greatly appreciated.

**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

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

**Friends,**

**As I write this, I can hear the bin-men emptying the bins along my road. A report by the BBC over the weekend, highlighting the situation in Birmingham where strikes by refuse collectors have left more than 17, 000 tonnes of waste on the streets, has left me very grateful that my bins are being emptied. It's also left me thinking more than usual about the often thankless jobs that people do that help the smooth running of our lives.**

**One such job that has exploded post-covid, is the delivery driver who appears at the door with a variety of takeaway foods, allowing us to have almost anything we can imagine delivered. All of this is very helpful on days like yesterday, when an unevenly replaced rack in the oven dropped my casserole all over the kitchen floor and left the manse family all coming into the kitchen saying: “Something smells wonderful... Oh!” Thank goodness for the option of a quick takeaway! It's all a far cry from the days of Jesus when food was much simpler and much closer to the point of production. Jesus and his followers ate fish they had caught themselves, plucked wheat-heads to nibble on from the fields that they walked through and heard his agricultural parables whilst walking past vineyards, fig trees and olive groves.**

**In our day, it's harder to remember where food comes from, apart from the supermarket or restaurant, and it's easy to forget that every piece of household waste has to go somewhere. As an early climate change activist said, “We think that we will throw it away, but there is no ‘away’”.**

**Especially on nights like last night, I find myself caught between the dictates of good care for the climate that would deplore motorbikes rushing around to deliver ready-cooked meals to individual families, and the convenience of a quick takeaway when faced with the loss of my lovely casserole. As the days grow longer and nature shows us all her created beauty, perhaps it's a good moment to take stock of our buying in and throwing out habits, and to be extra grateful for all those people who do difficult and not always pleasant jobs so that we can enjoy the lives we have.**

**God bless, Vicci**

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## Prayers and Prayer Pointers

**Monday 7th April** - 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.

**Tuesday 8th April** - Write a note or a message to a friend with a Bible verse in it that you think might be relevant to your life. Tell them you're thinking of them, and pray about them as they receive it.

**Wednesday 9th April** - 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.

**Thursday 10th April** - Find something in your house that is symbolic of your faith. Hold it. Give thanks for the journey of faith that God has taken you on in your lifetime. Ask for God to guide you on your onwards journey.

**Friday 11th April** - Make a cup of tea or coffee, or something else to drink. As you drink it, imagine all the places and people that are responsible for making it, from source to your lips. Thank God for them, the source of all life.

**Saturday 12th April** - God of all grace, Today we pray for those afflicted by ill health and grief. Hold the stillness for a while, and call the names of those known to you, then take a moment to pray for those you don't know. Amen.

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