



nt 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

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A short service for our community

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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 2nd 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"..... (wish this had been around when I was that age 😊)

Dates for your diary

Friday 25th 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 21st 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

Rev'd Vicci's Thought for the Week

Friends,

"Hosannah in the highest!"

"Hosannah to the Son of David!"

"Hail to the King of Israel."

“The Messiah is coming, riding into Jerusalem on a donkey, just like Judah Maccabee who threw out the Seleucid overlords and restored worship to the temple.”

“Do you think this donkey-rider will do it for us and throw out the Romans?”

“Hooray! Hosannah! Hallelujah!”

We can imagine the joy, the excitement, the sense of hope. It has been 193 years since Judah Maccabee achieved the unthinkable, overthrowing the Seleucid empire and restoring worship in the temple. There are none living at the time of Jesus who can remember it. Nevertheless, the annual festival of Hannukah allows them to relive it each year, and 193 years is not that long. 193 years ago for us would be 1832, a year in which Charles Darwin began to sail “The Beagle” around the world thus developing his thinking towards the book “The Origin of Man”. In additions, “Les Sylphides”, a romantic opera by Filippo Taglioni premiered in Paris and Donizetti’s opera “L’elisir d’amore” premiered in Milan. All three works are still with us today. It is totally believable that the story of Judah Maccabee was at the forefront of the people’s minds as they gathered to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday.

The successful uprising that they imagined was not to be. Instead, there was to be failure, death and the ending of all hope. Then, of course, came the extraordinary events of Easter morning which re-wrote the script for what a successful “uprising” might mean and changed the behaviour of millions of people for millennia. In our day of dwindling Church attendance and loss of interest in faith, what might this story say to us about our thinking around “success” and how it might compare with God’s thinking?

God bless, Vicci

Prayers and Prayer Pointers

Monday 14th April - Today marks the beginning of Holy Week. Take a moment to think about the week ahead for you – will you be able to make time this week to travel the journey with Jesus through the Last Supper, to Good Friday, through crucifixion to resurrection and new life. - How can you make space amongst this week to listen to what God is saying and how this ancient story might help you with your spiritual journey at the moment?

Tuesday 15th April - Consider how God is love, and where there is love, there is God. Leave a note, or send a text message, to tell somebody you love them or you're grateful for them. Pray for them as you write.

Wednesday 16th April - Listen to this hymn: Blessed Assurance – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K5a0wBF4ok0> - Consider how your story is part of God's story. What has God been doing in your life? Give thanks.

Thursday 17th April - Today is Maundy Thursday, the day we mark the meal Jesus ate with his disciples before his crucifixion. - On this day, could you pray for all those living in fear of what is to come – perhaps waiting for a conviction or a decision that will affect their future, those fearful about going in to work, or afraid for their own safety. Perhaps someone you know is in this situation – how can you be a support to them this week?

Friday 18th April - It's Good Friday, the day when we mark Jesus' death on the cross. It is a painful story, which might be triggering for all of us dealing with our own stories of grief and young lives lost. - Hold the space today, if that is you. Seek help. Talk to someone. - If it's not you, and you have the courage to reach out to someone with their own journey of grief, consider sending a message, or saying a prayer.

Saturday 19th April - Today is the in-between day. The day between death and resurrection. The waiting day. - Hold the space for lament today. What do you need to grieve and let go of? How can lament help you respond to the needs of the world and community around you?

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