



# 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 16<sup>th</sup> March we welcome Rev Vicci Davidson**  
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March we welcome Red Margaret Dudley**

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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.*

**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 Friday28th March.

**Fund raising for Church repairs and upgrades to our building.** Our Church building and halls have been serving the Community in Lent Rise and beyond for over 125 year. Over the years the halls have been used for all sorts of community events from being the Child Health Centre where Mum's bought babies to be weighed, through Boy's Brigade, Ballet Lessons Community lunches and in the present day there are activities on every day: Chair based exercises, Pilates, The Meeting Place, Cameo, and Monday Club – plus various activities and meetings for the Church. All of this activity is beginning to take a toll on the buildings. The Stewards have been reviewing the jobs that need to be done and realising that we will need to raise a lot of money to cover the costs.

We are proposing a number of fund raising events and the dates planned so far are below. Most families in the area will have (had) some connection with the Church over the years and we will be needing everyone to encourage friends and neighbours to support us.

## 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

**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

Last Sunday at Windsor I did a little interactive children's address in which they flipped “pancakes” which had choices on: Would you be interested in your friend's toys even if they weren't something you understood or appreciated, or would you destroy them or laugh at them? Would you side with someone who was struggling, or with the strongest person in the room, even if they were the class bully? That sort of thing. You will remember of course that last week was the week in which we heard the story of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, and so it made sense to look at some of the things that we might be tempted by, and we had only just had Shrove Tuesday, hence the pancakes.

As I got the things out of the bag that they were in, I realised that there might be a lesson in the frying pan itself. I have one of those styles of cookware where the pans don't have handles, but you can attach one when needed. It makes storage a lot easier. So I asked the children what they thought and if they could say something theological in the frying pan; which was Jesus, and which was us – the handle or the pan? I want to share the answers with you because they were really very good, and because there was a lot more service afterwards, and so even the people who were there may well have forgotten.

Jesus, they said, is like the body of the frying pan. Jesus is God, and God is eternal, like a circle which is the shape of the frying pan. The body of the frying pan is big and so is God. Indeed one child reminded us that we sing a song that says: Our God is a great big God. The handle isn't really any good for anything unless it is connected to the frying pan, but then it is really important. Finally, the handle can connect and disconnect from the frying pan and often does. I had thought that they would say that the handle was like Jesus, - connecting to us he is able to guide us in the right direction - but their answer was so good, that I wanted to share it with you all, and also to thank the Sunday School leaders at Windsor who are clearly encouraging our children to think theologically and deeply as they go about their lives.

God bless, Vicci

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### Prayers and Prayer Pointers

**Monday 17th March** - Look around you. Let your eyes settle on an item. Think about all the people who have helped with its production. Give thanks for them, for their work, and for the materials that made it.

**Tuesday 18th March** - Scrunch your hands up in a tight ball. Think about all the ways your hands have worked hard in your lifetime. Give thanks for all you've been able to accomplish. Release your hands, and as you relax them, allow yourself a moment of rest. Allow the sensation of rest to seep into every part of your body. Give thanks for all the ways rest feeds your soul.

**Wednesday 19th March** - Take a look at the Soul Food resources from the Methodist Church - sign up to get the daily emails or watch one of the videos. How does this idea of Soul Food speak to you this Lenten season?

**Thursday 20th March** - Look up at the sky. What can you see there? The sun perhaps, or maybe the moon. Think of the rhythms of the day, the planet turning, the universe in perfect cadence. Offer to God all the ways your life is out of rhythm, and ask for God's help with making the changes you need. You are God's beloved, the God who made the universe, made you, too. Let God's love and grace transform you.

**Friday 21st March** - What will you be doing a week from today? Will you be working or resting or something in between? Picture yourself, in the same way that God sees you, with love and compassion. Pray for yourself and the week ahead.

**Saturday 22nd March** - God of the sabbath, you rested even though you are God, even though you don't need rest. You lead us into sacred slowness, by still waters, your goodness revives our souls. We hold before you people we know who are experiencing stress, worry, or very busy lives. God of the sabbath, come into their lives. 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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