



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 5th July 10:30am Henry Mensah-Brown

6:30pm Rev Vicci Davidson

Sunday 12th July 10:30am Joe Bullen

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: Marilyn, David and Lizzie, Jo and Andrew, Pat, Julia, Sheila, Stefan, The Toffa family, Ed, Hannah, Eleni, the Tindall family, David Chant, Kim, Joyce, Alan and the family, Rebecca.



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.

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 Friday 17th July.

Friday 10-30 finishing by 2 pm, The Well@Lent Rise Light lunch club. hosted by Kim (07469879199 for further details).

Geese is the Circuit youth group for discussion over food. This is a free activity for anyone in the circuit aged 10 - 18 and is led by Vicci and Sophie at Windsor Methodist Church from 6 - 7:30 pm on alternate Fridays.

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Dates for your diary

Sunday 19th September 2:00pm – 4:00pm The Well@Lent Rise invite us to a Vintage Tea party. Please dress in red, white and blue. Tickets are £5:00 from Kim 07469 879199...or just turn up. There's homemade scones, strawberry jam and Cornish clotted cream, with entertainment provided by Tony.

27th – 31st July Lighthouse Burnham, Phoenix Rugby Club

Friday 2nd October 6:00pm here: Quiz and Curry night in aid of The Leprosy Mission. For those who don't like curry alternatives will be available.

Thought for the week

Friends

As the weather continues to heat up, I am reminded of the times of drought in the Bible. Used primarily in the ancient texts as a spiritual metaphor for separation from God, we may also wonder whether our wanton destruction of God's creation through human-driven global warming means that the current excessive heat is not just a metaphor but a consequence of turning away from our responsibility as stewards of God's world.

One of the most well-known biblical accounts of drought is the one that lasted three and a half years and was eventually brought to an end after God answered Elijah's prayer on Mount Carmel. Separately, Jeremiah 14:1-4 speaks of a great drought, where servants are sent out for water by the rich, but even they arrive to find that the cisterns are dry. In 2 Chronicles: 13-14, God tells Solomon: "When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain and command the locust to devour the land or send pestilence among my people, if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

As Methodists, we are not Calvinist in our approach to the world and its problems, but Arminian. Calvinism would say, "It is what it is. God has ordained it and we have to live with it." Arminianism says, "God is love, and in his love, he gave us the planet and wants us to love it." There is a responsibility inherent in Arminianism and the way in which it is interpreted by Methodism that doesn't allow for us to ignore responsibility by writing everything off as being "all in God's plan." Instead, we recognise responsibility inherent in the story of Creation and the love of God for humanity that did not even spare his only son.

It is hard when it is so hot that even our thinking has slowed down, to focus on our desires to be climate-friendly, eco-churches. Yet nevertheless, our scientists, our scriptures and our prophets tell us the same thing. We need to find what we can do and "do it with all our might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10). This week let's use the discomfort of

this extreme heat to inspire us to make one change to improve the climate of the world for all.

God bless, Vicci

Prayers and Prayer Pointers For This Week

Monday 13th July - On this day in 1985, the Live Aid Concert took place in several cities around the world. Whilst well intentioned, and a source of a great deal of money being raised for good causes, time and reflection has demonstrated that there are better, less problematic ways of talking about Africa, poverty and social justice. - Today, you might like to pray for all involved in humanitarian aid and tackling poverty around the world. May they find a way to do so that does not cause damage or repeat narratives of racism and white supremacy.

Tuesday 14th July - Today is International Non-Binary People's Day. Today, let your prayers be for inclusion, justice and rights for all people, especially those who are prejudiced against because of their gender or current gender alignment.

Wednesday 15th July - Notice your words today. - Are they kind? Are they necessary? Are they true? - God of gentle speech, help my words to heal more than they harm. Amen.

Thursday 16th July - Pray today for those who feel lonely.- You might like to think of someone who lives alone, is recently bereaved, or feels disconnected.- If appropriate, consider reaching out to them.

Friday 17th July

- On this day in 1936, the Spanish Civil War broke out, with an armed rebellion against the newly elected Popular Front (a left-wing political party). - Today, there are four major civil wars going on (in Syria, Myanmar, Sudan, Ethiopia), with over 30 other significant internal armed conflicts around the world. You might like to pray for those involved, and for all who have the means and the opportunity to work for peace.

Saturday 18th July - Today, pray for creation and for your own relationship with the natural world. - You might take a short walk, look out of a window, or touch a plant and give thanks. - Creator God, make me a better guardian of your earth. Amen.

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2. Cornerstone St Peter's Church
Church Street
SL1 7HX
9.30am-12pm Mon to Fri
3. Bluebird Care Offices
Summers Road
SL1 7EP
9-5pm Mon to Fri



4. The Old Five Bells Pub, Church Street, during opening hours.

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