



# 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 11<sup>th</sup> January 10:30am Joe Bullen**

**Sunday 18th January 10:30am Covenant Service with 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: Bill and Marilyn, Jo and Andrew, Pat, Julia, Sheila, Stefan  
The Toffa family, Ed, Hannah, Eleni, the Tindall family.*

*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.

**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 in February 13th.

**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 12 - 19 and is led by Vicci and Sophie at Windsor Methodist Church from 6 - 7:30 pm on alternate Fridays. Geese will resume after the Christmas holidays on the 9th of J

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### Dates for your diary

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2:30pm Church Council** – all are welcome to come along and see the decision making process of your Church - only Members of the Church are able to vote.



**Event date: Friday 20th February - Lighthouse Burnham** are pleased to announce details of our Fundraising Dinner for 2026:- Bar opens at 6.30 p.m. - Dinner at 7.00 p.m.

*Sample menu :-*

**Starters**

Caramelised red onion and feta parcel Or Mozzarella and Tomato salad

**Mains**

Chicken Divan with seasonal veg Or Harvest Hotpot (V)

**Desserts**

Lemon mousse with ginger crumb Or Strawberry and White chocolate mousse (GF)

Followed by tea/coffee, a quiz and raffle

\*\* Please advise us of any dietary requirements \*\*

To purchase tickets go to:

[https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/charity/lighthouse-burnham/event/lighthouse-burnham-charity-fundraising-dinner-2026?utm\\_campaign=share&utm\\_source=Dsharesocial&utm\\_medium=Dshare\\_email&utm\\_content=ticketing&utm\\_term=20260105](https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/charity/lighthouse-burnham/event/lighthouse-burnham-charity-fundraising-dinner-2026?utm_campaign=share&utm_source=Dsharesocial&utm_medium=Dshare_email&utm_content=ticketing&utm_term=20260105)

If you wish to make a further donation, please use the following link. Donations can be monthly or a one off. <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/charity/lighthouse-burnham>

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**Thought for the week**

**Friends**

The 11th of January marks human-trafficking awareness day, 2026. Human trafficking is a wide-ranging crime involving exploiting vulnerable people who are forced into unpaid/underpaid labour, sexual exploitation or even organ trafficking affects millions of lives globally. By marking this International Day of Awareness, organisers hope to advocate for policy change, support victims and encourage global collaboration.

The Bible speaks about slavery on several occasions, and is often condemned for appearing to condone it. Leviticus permits owning slaves from surrounding nations, Ephesians instructs slaves to obey their masters and the Corinthians are advised to stay within their given status, even as a slave. However, the Bible is not silent on this matter. Jesus' first public sermon, recorded in Luke 4, has Jesus quoting from Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour". In the face of this, freeing slaves was seen as an important act of Christian charity, and many early Christians did so. Some church communities also collected funds to purchase the freedom of enslaved members and St. Augustine of Hippo writes of his church regularly raising large sums to ransom captives from slave traders. More, we know from historical writing that several early Christian figures used their personal wealth to free slaves.

What can we do today? The police suggest that we simply remain interested in the lives of the people around us, particularly those who are working for us. If the stories we hear don't add up, or people seem anxious or worried, we might take the decision to make a report. We must

not get directly involved ourselves beyond this, but it seems to me that being interested in the people around us is a good thing at the best of times, and if in so-doing we might make a difference in the life of someone who is struggling in unimaginable ways, then that can only be of God whose Son said, "I am come that they may have life in all its fullness." (John 10:10)  
God bless, Vicci

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### Prayers and Prayer Pointers –

**Monday January 12<sup>th</sup>** - - On this day in 2010, a tragic earthquake struck in Haiti, killing over 200,000 people and causing a huge amount of devastation.

- Today, 16 years later, let us pray for all those affected by humanitarian crises – recent, or still carrying the trauma and the rebuilding many years later.

- Come, Holy God, Prince of Peace, and bring light in the darkness, we pray. Amen.

**Tuesday 13th January** - Breathe in slowly. As you do so, picture that you are breathing in God's love for you, your local community and for the wider world.

- Now breathe out slowly. As you do so, imagine sending that love back out into the world. - Repeat this at least 5 times.

**Wednesday 14th January** - As you prepare food today to provide sustenance for your body, reflect on the sustenance God's love for you provides for your heart, mind and soul too. Thank God for this love and channel this into your food preparation. Eat it slowly and steadily, reflecting on this too.

**Thursday 15th January** - On Thursday 15th January 1759, The British Museum opened to the public. It has a checkered and complicated history, and has been involved in a number of colonial scandals and debates over the centuries since its founding, but has also been a space of much learning and vital research. - Perhaps it is a kind of metaphor for each of us – troubled, conflicted, broken, but vital. How is God using you today to bring goodness and light? How can you lean further into the Spirit's calling on your life.

**Friday 16th January** - Heavenly God, In the midst of all that is dark at this time of year, Shine your light, O Lord. In the midst of all that is cold, Bring your warmth, we pray.

- Christ who is Spirit, Make yourself known in our world today, Amen.

**Saturday 17th January** - On this day in 1946, the UN Security Council met for the first time at Methodist Church House, Westminster, in London. An important moment in modern history, in the search for peace, and in the life of the Methodist Church. - Today, you may want to give thanks for your story, and your place in the larger story of God's unfolding mission.

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