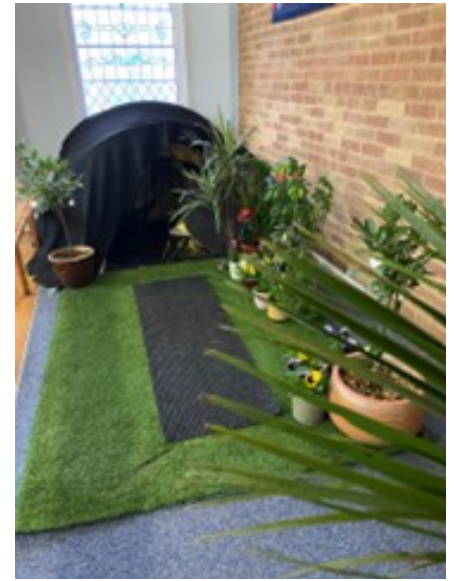




# Lent Rise Matters – the info sheet for Lent Rise Methodist Church



A selection of beautiful pictures from Easter in our church this year.



## 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 12<sup>th</sup> April – 10:0am Local arrangement**

**Sunday 19th April -10:30am 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: Marilyn, David and Lizzie, Jo and Andrew, Pat, Julia, Sheila, Stefan, The Toffa family, Ed, Hannah, Eleni, the Tindall family, David Chant, Kim*

*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.*

**Vicci will be on leave from the 11th to the 17th of April. Any issues should be addressed to your pastoral visitor or stewards in the first instance, and to Revd Cliff Shanganya if ministerial input is required.**

**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 24<sup>th</sup> April.

**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**

**26<sup>th</sup> April 3:00pm Easter Offering Service** from the Methodist Women in Britain

“For women, for justice, for Christ” will take place at Ledgers Road Methodist Church. Please pick up your Eater Offering envelope in Church.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2:00pm – 4:00pm (tea at 2:45ish)** .....thank you to all of you who signed up with your availability to meet up and record some of our favourite hymns. The date most people are available is Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July and that date has been confirmed with Vicci. There will be a sheet in the Church for us to write our favourite or most used hymns. Please add yours to the list, whether you are able to come or not.

**27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July Lighthouse Burnham, Phoenix Rugby Club**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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### Thought for the week

Friends

If you, like my family, have been watching with interest the journey of Artemis and her crew to travel to the dark side of the moon on the longest ever space journey made by a manned spacecraft, then you will also be interested to know that Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> of April is the International Day of Human Space Flight. It was first declared as such in 2011 at the 65<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly and the date was chosen to mark the first crewed space flight made on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 1961 by the 27-year-old Russian Cosmonaut, Yuri Gagarin. Gagarin orbited the Earth for 1 hour and 48 minutes aboard the Vostok 1.

These moments remind me of the poem by the 19-year-old American Spitfire pilot John Gillespie Magee Jr, “High Flight.”

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds, — and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of — wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,  
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air . . .

Up, up the long, delirious burning blue  
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace  
Where never lark, or ever eagle flew —  
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod

The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

It is a poem that has often brought me peace as I too seek to “put out my hand and touch the face of God” if not through flight of aircraft, then certainly through theological exploration and on wings of prayer. I hope that it may bring you peace or inspiration as is your need on this first Sunday after Easter.

God bless, Vicci

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### Prayers and Prayer Pointers For This Week

**Monday 13th April:** - Light of the world, Though the outside world can feel dark and dangerous, Help me to see signs of your light, everywhere. Shine in and through me this day, I pray. Amen.

**Tuesday 14th April:** - On this day 210 years ago, in Barbados, a slave called Bussa led a slave rebellion, for which he is remembered as the country's first national hero. - The slave trade was a great evil, which is ended by a combination of action, lobbying and rebellion. But sadly, slavery continues today. - Your prayers might like to be for all those affected, including families who are left behind when people are trafficked or sold into slavery, and for all working to tackle the issue.

**Wednesday 15th April:** - On this day in 1755, Samuel Johnson's 'Dictionary of the English Language' was published – amongst the most influential dictionaries in English. - Words matter, don't they? Words create new worlds and help to shape our experience of reality. What words do you need to offer to God in prayer today? What words are motivating or engaging you in your journey of faith today?

**Thursday 16th April:** - Perhaps connected to / building on yesterday's prayer prompt...today is World Voice Day, a day for celebrating the phenomenon of the human voice. - How are you using your voice today? Is it to build connection, love, hope and reconciliation? - Pray about the ways you might use your voice today, or this week, and how the Spirit of God can be at work in your words, sentences and responses.

**Friday 17th April:** - Calm me Lord as you calm the storm, Still me Lord, keep me from harm. - Amongst all the tumult, help me to be still today, and to know your presence, always with me. Amen.

**Saturday 18th April:** - On this day in 1506, the cornerstone of the current St Peter's Basilica was laid, marking a significant moment in the development of the Vatican City as it now stands. - Today, let us pray for the buildings and sacred spaces kept and persevered by The Church all over the world. So often a burden or a source of conflict, today let us give thanks for them and all they mean to so many people. - Living, loving God, help us to be living stones in seeking to follow you, Amen.

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