



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

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A short service for our community

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Friends of Bill and Marilyn will be saddened to learn of his death last Monday. Bill was a man of faith and integrity, known in this church for his settings of familiar hymns to pop tunes and his intricate art work. We will let you know when we have the details of his funeral service but in the

Services in the coming weeks:

Sunday 1st February 10:30am Yoko Reffell-Wyse

Sunday 1st February 6:30pm Rev Vicci Davidson - incorporated into the service, there is to be a blessing of the Lighthouse Burnham collection boxes before they are distributed into the community. All are welcome. Following the service there will be tea/coffee biscuits/cakes provided by The Well @ Lent Rise. Please bring as much loose change as you can muster for the collection on behalf of Lighthouse Burnham"

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, _____, 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. Programme on the website.

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Dates for your diary

Sunday 25th of January Week of Prayer for Christian Unity there will be an ecumenical soup lunch at St. Peter's, Burnham at 1pm, followed by a 2pm Unity Service. (Churches Together)All are welcome

19th February for 6 weeks here at Burnham Church “Refocussing Faithfulness” a course exploring a Biblical base for LGBT+ inclusion, led by REV'DS Josh Cleaver and Chris Hassall. See poster below to sign up.



Event date: Friday 20th February - Lighthouse Burnham are pleased to announce details of our Fundraising Dinner for 2026. See poster below

Thought for the week

Friends

My family and I are happy people this week as Sunday the 25th of January is Burns night and so there is haggis in the supermarkets. For those who don't know, Robert (Rabbie) Burns is to Scotland what William Shakespeare is to England and every year to mark his birthday on the 25th of January 1759, we celebrate with a supper of Haggis, neeps and tatties and the singing and recitation of Burn's songs and poetry.

Although he is not very well known "south of the border" two lines from separate poems have entered daily conversation: "Would to God the gift were gi'e us to see ourselves as others see us" and "The best laid plans of mice and men gang (go) oft agley (awry)." It is a sign of the truth of both that they are so well-known.

Burns did not get on with the establishment Church, writing satirical poetry about it including "Holy Willie's Prayer" and "The Holy Fair" and this was reflective of a deeper issue within the Scottish Kirk at the time. He got into trouble with the Kirk on many occasions, not least because he "liked the lassies", but his primary concern was the oppressive control the Scottish Presbyterian Church held over the nation. The Kirk was in the habit of shaming people for "getting out of line" by making them sit on a stool in front of the congregation to be publicly told off and it was this sort of thing that Burns was against. During the time that he began to write, a split appeared in the Kirk between what were called the "Auld Lichts" and the "New Lichts". The Auld Lichts were for Calvinism, fire and brimstone sermons and predestination whereas the New Lichts put an emphasis on morality and personal aspects of faith, rather than just being blindly faithful. This was an approach that Burns could support and understand. Burns recognised that in order for reform to happen, the Kirk would need to take moral weakness and human frailty into account (as it continues to need to do today). Or as Jesus said, "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?"

However you spend it, have a happy Burn's Night.

God bless, Vicci

Prayers and Prayer Pointers For This Week

Monday 26th January - Take a moment to notice your feet, and the ground they are placed on. One of the ancient names for God is 'the ground of being'. Think about this little

phrase as you notice your own grounded-ness. Is it helpful? - Pray about the thoughts and reflections you have during this time.

Tuesday 27th January - O Lord my God, Take the hours, minutes and seconds of this my day,

Transform my actions, reflections and thoughts, Into opportunities to discover, uncover and share your grace, In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

Wednesday 28th January - Whenever you wash your hands today, think about Pontius Pilate and the moment in the Passion narrative when he washes his hands of his responsibility over Jesus' sentencing and eventual crucifixion. - What areas of your life or of the common life you share with those around you are you avoiding / hiding from / washing away? How could you change that this week?

Thursday 29th January - Take a moment today to sit in pure stillness. To turn off all the background noise and be present to all that God is doing in your life. - Notice what happens, or simply accept the gift of stillness and mediation, which is a blessing to our mental health and wellbeing.

Friday 30th January - Say a prayer of thanks today – perhaps for something you don't often notice is a gift, for a talent you don't often get to use, for something you use so often you've

got used to it being part of your life, for someone you find precious.

Saturday 31st January - Loving God, thank you for the world around me and help me to celebrate those around me – to notice the gifts and skills of those who I see regularly, and to acknowledge the good things I have. - Show me how to follow in your way, this weekend, and into the next month, I pray. Amen.

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:

1. Visit the link below Search for Burnham Methodist Church
2. Your favourite brands will donate when you shop with them. This includes Booking.com; ebay; M&S; Curry's; TUI; BT and John Lewis www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause

Community
DINNER
sponsored by Burnham Parish Council

In aid of
LIGHTHOUSE
BURNHAM

Friday 20th February 2026
Burnham Park Hall
Windsor Lane
Burnham
SL1 7HR

Doors open at 6:30pm for 7:00pm

£25 per person

Payment by QR code below :





Refocusing Faithfulness

Exploring a Biblical Basis for LGBTQ+ Inclusion

19 Feb-26 Mar | 7pm | Burnham Methodist Church

Refocusing Faithfulness is a six-week course that explores a Biblical basis for LGBTQ+ inclusion in the Church. Hosted together by **St Mary's Church, Hitcham**, and **St Peter's Church, Burnham**, we'll hear personal stories, learn some tools for reading and interpreting the Bible, and journey through key topics such as creation, celibacy, the 'clobber' passages, and gender identity.



 **Sign-up online:** bit.ly/refocusingfaithfulness

