



Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
**Chislehurst Methodist Church**

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**Prayer for the week**

Thank you, Lord, for your reckless love that  
heals the brokenness within us,  
gives us the strength to live another day  
and forgives us our sins.

Help us to live out your reckless love,  
so that through the power of the Holy Spirit  
we will be able to love you,  
love our neighbours and forgive other people.  
We receive Jesus as our Lord and Saviour and  
surrender our lives to the power of the Holy  
Spirit to be used for your glory alone.  
In Jesus' mighty name we pray. Amen.



*Jasmine Yeboah, Youth President, British Methodist Conference, 2018/2019*

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home with you

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am  
Preacher: Deacon Maureen Spinks

## CALL TO WORSHIP

FIRST HYMN: 628 Faithful one so unchanging

## PRAYERS

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S ADDRESS

SECOND HYMN: 642 When I'm feeling down and sad

FIRST READING: Genesis 22: 1-8

### The Command to Sacrifice Isaac

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

SECOND READING: Luke 14: 25-33

### The Cost of Discipleship

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

**THIRD HYMN:** 640 We turn to God

**SERMON:** 'Shades of Grey'

**FOURTH HYMN:** 636 O love that wilt not let me go

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**OFFERING**

**FINAL HYMN:** 693 Beauty for brokenness

**BENEDICTION**

Next Sunday, Ms Deborah Spinks, All Age Service, Harvest, 10.30am (see back page for more details)

The flowers in church today have been provided by Christine Pott, many thanks.

**MONDAY FOCUS:** The meeting starts at the usual time of 1pm in the Wesley room, for more information contact Rosemary: 07791 603 668.

**FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER:** A Coffee Morning in the Church, from 10.30 until 12 noon, part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning, raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support:

- Please come, and bring a friend
- There will be competitions and things to buy
- If you can contribute a cake or perhaps some lovely biscuits to enjoy with the coffee, that would be helpful – home-made or shop bought equally welcome.
- If you would like to help, there will be things to do.



Speak to me asap about any of these - Gillian Beecher Bryant (020 8467 6906) or email [beecherbryant@btinternet.com](mailto:beecherbryant@btinternet.com).

**ACTION FOR CHILDREN:** Grateful thanks to all those who kindly gave donations for Action for Children Sunday. I've banked £205 plus Gift Aid on £180 of that. Your support is very much appreciated.

*Diary Date:* Carol Singing for Action for Children in The Glades, Bromley from 2pm on Sunday, 8th December. More details to follow...with thanks & regards, Christine Pott.



**COMPUTER HARDWARE:** The Anglican Diocese of Rochester has links with several Dioceses overseas. They are appealing for used computers and computer hardware to be sent to their link dioceses in Africa or provided to Computers4Africa. Churches Together are supporting this campaign, once churches have collected the hardware, Fr Paul Farthing of the Annunciation Church will arrange for them to be picked up and sent onwards. If anyone is able to help co-ordinate this initiative for CMC, please contact Sarah in the Church Office.

**1940s AFTERNOON TEA:** Aprils Kitchen will be holding the second 1940s Afternoon Tea on Saturday 19th October. A table for church members has been reserved and tickets are available for a reduced cost of £15.00 for all church members. If you would like to join the "Methodist Table" please contact April directly by 10th September on 07952 906071 or email [aprilskitchen@outlook.com](mailto:aprilskitchen@outlook.com).

**ALPHA COURSE:** Churches Together in Chislehurst and Bickley will be running an Alpha course starting in late September. Register your interest by contacting David Jacklin at: [davidjacklin1@gmail.com](mailto:davidjacklin1@gmail.com) or phone 07957 856 524.

**CHURCH "SIGNIFICANT" ANNIVERSARY** Monday October 5<sup>th</sup> 2020 will mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first service in this church. The stewards would be interested in hearing your ideas of how we should celebrate this significant day.

**THURSDAY SERVICES:** The next lunchtime service will be Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September, at 12.45pm. As usual, after the service we gather for a sandwich lunch (£4).

**FIJIAN METHODIST FELLOWSHIP:** Their regular worship is held at our church two Sundays a month. Their next dates are today and 6<sup>th</sup> October.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September - Film Night NEMC, '*The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*, 7 pm

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September - Messy Church, CMC, 4-6pm - Topic: Harvest

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October & Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Christmas Tree Festival Decoration  
Making Dates (more details to follow)

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Tree Festival, CMC  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Carol Singing at the Glades

### **WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

Those of our church community who are unwell or who have need for our prayers: Alice Sennett, Ian Spinks, Veronica Crowther, Pam Wallace, Monica Faux, Pam Giles, Myrtle and Neill Truman.

All our friends who are in care homes, particularly Arthur Hayes, Les Giles and Joan Clements who has settled in splendidly to her new home near Totnes. She would love to hear from

Chislehurst friends – please contact the church office for her address/phone number.

All those who have birthdays this month: Peony, Ava and Mila.

When visiting those who can't get to church, please do take them a Notice Sheet. They are always welcome.

As part of the fellowship of Churches Together in Chislehurst and Bickley; this week we pray for St George's Church, Bickley.



**Next Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> September, is our Harvest Service**

Donations: all tinned goods will go to the *Bromley Foodbank*, with cash donations being passed to *All We Can*.

The service will be followed by a ***Bring & Share buffet lunch***

In order that there is a variety of food for this lunch we would suggest that those whose surnames begin A-J bring a savoury item, and those in the latter half of the alphabet, K-Z, bring something sweet.