



Sunday 15th September 2019
Chislehurst Methodist Church

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Prayer for the week

Gracious God, whose loving kindness has no limits,
teach us afresh the way of Christ.

Where we have felt discouraged, renew us
through signs of hope;

where we have been tempted to give up, grant us
strength and faith to face the day;

where we have grown anxious about the future,
give us courage to plant the seeds of tomorrow in
acts of radical love today.

Renew us by your Spirit and set us free to serve
you so that the whole of creation may rejoice in
your name. Amen.



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Changes to the Circuit Plan 20th & 27th October:

- 20th October - instead of Songs of Praise, the service will be led by Joan Mayes.
- 27 October - the service will be led by Revd Stephen and Deacon Myrtle Poxon, during which they will baptise their granddaughter Emily.

Sunday 15th September at 10.30am
Preacher: Deborah Spinks

**Please take this notice sheet
home with you**

WELCOME

FIRST HYMN: 102 For the beauty of the Earth

FIRST READING: PSALM 104: 24-31

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—

TALK – GIVE THANKS

BRINGING UP HARVEST GOODS

SECOND HYMN: 130 We plough the fields and scatter

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

THIRD HYMN: 124 For the fruits of all creation

SECOND READING: Luke 12: 22-29

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying.

TALK – WE ARE STEWARDS OF CREATION

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

FOURTH HYMN: 727 God in his love for us

THIRD READING: Genesis 1: 24 – 30

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so.

TALK – MISSION TO THE WORLD

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

FINAL HYMN: 123 Come you thankful people come

BENEDICTION

Next Sunday, Mrs Susan Cope, 10.30am

The flowers in church today have been provided by Lynda Smith, many thanks.

MONDAY FOCUS: The meeting this week will be a talk by Joan Mayes '*When did the calling to be a Local Preacher start?*' This will be followed by a sandwich lunch (£5). The meeting starts at the usual time of 1pm in the Wesley room, for more information contact Rosemary: 07791 603 668.

A COFFEE MORNING IN THE CHURCH on **Friday 27th September** 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.

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.

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.

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 or phone 07957 856 524.

CHURCH “SIGNIFICANT” ANNIVERSARY Monday October 5th 2020 will mark the 150th 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 19th 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 13th October.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 27th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning, in church 10am - 12noon
Friday 4th October & Thursday 17th October - Christmas Tree Festival Decoration
Making Dates (more details to follow)
Saturday 30th November - Sunday 8th December - Christmas Tree Festival, CMC
Sunday 8th 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 the Church of the Annunciation.

