



Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019  
**Chislehurst Methodist Church**

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Prayer for the week

You alone, O God, are infinite in love.  
You alone can speak to our condition.  
You alone can search the mind and purify the heart.  
You alone can flow over our darkness with the ocean of eternal light.

*George Fox (1624-1691)*



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**Macmillan Coffee Morning in the church this Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September - see the back of this sheet for more information!!**



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home with you**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 10.30am  
Preacher: Mrs Susan Cope**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF APPROACH**

**FIRST HYMN: 75 From all that dwell below the skies vs 1, 2, 1**

## **CHILDREN'S ADDRESS AND PRAYER**

**SECOND HYMN: 354 Jesus is the name we honour**

## **PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & CONFESSION**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER – SUNG**

## **INTRODUCTION TO READING**

**FIRST READING: AMOS 8: 4-7**

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, 'When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

## **INTRODUCTION TO SECOND READING**

**SECOND READING: Luke 16: 1-13**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

**THIRD HYMN:**                      **718 We lay our broken world**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**THIRD READING:**                  **1 Timothy 1: 18-19 & 2: 1-7**

I am giving you these instructions, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies made earlier about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, having faith and a good conscience. By rejecting conscience, certain persons have suffered shipwreck in the faith;

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

## **SERMON PART 1**

**FOURTH HYMN:**                      **563 O Jesus I have promised**

## **SERMON PART 2**

## **OFFERING**

**FINAL HYMN:**                      **470 Lord for the years**

## **BENEDICTION**

Next Sunday, Mr Ralph Brandhorst, 10.30am

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

**MONDAY FOCUS:** The meeting this week will be crafting with Sue Cope, this will be followed by a fish and chip lunch (£5pp). The meeting starts at the usual time of 1pm in the Wesley room. New people are always welcome! For more information contact Rosemary: 07791 603 668.

**CHANGES TO THE CIRCUIT PLAN 20<sup>TH</sup> & 27<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**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).

**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 can 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](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 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 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 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> October.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September - Macmillan Coffee Morning, in church 10am - 12noon

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: Maureen and 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 Christ Church.



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

**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 and shop bought equally welcome. These can be left in the office during the week if that suits you.

If you would like to help, there will be things to do.

In previous years it has been a very pleasant morning, so if you usually have a morning coffee, you know where to come. We look forward to seeing you.

***If some strong people can help clear the chairs after the service today, leaving the front 4 rows in place that would be very helpful.***

Any more information from Gillian Beecher Bryant (020 8467 6906) or email [beecherbryant@btinternet.com](mailto:beecherbryant@btinternet.com)