



Sunday 29th September 2019
Chislehurst Methodist Church

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Prayer for the week

God who reaches out to us in love, cascading grace to all creation,
may we be disciples who respond to your overwhelming, unconditional, unbounded presence.
May we each respond to your invitation to share in your mission with all our heart, will, mind and strength.

May we respond to your Spirit who calls us to reimagine our communities in the light of your grace.
And may the gospel enliven our spirits to see possibilities, to grasp opportunities and to travel in the way of Jesus.



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Many thanks to everyone who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday. There will be an opportunity after the Service this morning to enter the competitions and to buy from the sales table. Gillian Beecher Bryant



Please take this notice sheet
home with you

Sunday 29th September at 10.30am
Preacher: Mr Ralph Brandhorst

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 145: 8-9

FIRST HYMN: 51 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father

PRAYERS OF APPROACH AND ADORATION

SECOND HYMN: 449 Lord of creation to you be all praise

INTRODUCTION

(Children leave)

FIRST READING: Psalm 146
Praise for God's Help

Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.
When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith for ever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.
The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The LORD will reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD!

COMMENTARY

SECOND READING: Luke 16: 19-31
The Rich Man and Lazarus

'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." '

COMMENTARY

THIRD HYMN: 566 Take my life and let it be

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

FINAL HYMN: 351 In Christ alone my hope is found

BENEDICTION

<p>Next Sunday, Rev'd Duncan MacBean, Holy Communion, Gift Day and Church Anniversary, 10.30am</p>
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The flowers in church today have been provided by Helen Baylis, many thanks.

MONDAY FOCUS: The meeting this week will be a trip to Coolings for Lunch at Arthurs' restaurant. For more information contact Rosemary: 07791 603 668.

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.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL – DECORATIONS MAKING DAY. We are having a 'making day' for the Christmas tree festival this Friday 4th October, from 10am in the church. If you are able to lend a hand, please do come along, no special artistic skills are required!

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 on 07952 906071 or email 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 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 this Thursday, 3rd 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 6th and 13th October.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Sunday 10th November - PSA Remembrance Concert, NEMC, 3pm (poster on noticeboard)

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: Kath Carpenter, 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.

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 Ichthus Christian Fellowship.



GUILD OF CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS

We are an ecumenical organisation that meet in different Churches on the first Monday of March, June, October and December to promote the knowledge of flower arranging in places of worship.

The annual membership fee is £10 which entitles members to attend 4 meetings (October to June), and the visitors fee is £5

NEXT DEMONSTRATION

St Michael's and All Angels R.C. Church

370, Crofton Rd,

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Monday 7th October 2019

7.30pm

