



Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
**Chislehurst Methodist Church**

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**Prayer for the week**

Protecting God,  
when we fall, you quietly pick us up;  
when we fear, you gently hold on to us;  
when the future looks bleak, you nudge us onwards,  
until at last we find ourselves  
in the place you would have us be.

*Bruce Thompson, Lincolnshire District Chair*



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**PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED UNTIL THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER.**

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**CONTACT MAGAZINE**

We are planning the next edition of Contact for early November, if you would like to submit something to be included, please let Sarah know as soon as possible. All copy will need to be submitted by 31st October.



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

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am  
Preacher: Mrs Joan Mayes**

## **WELCOME**

**FIRST HYMN: 691 What shall our greeting be**

## **PRAYERS OF ADORATION**

## **ALL AGE REFLECTION**

**SECOND HYMN: 254 Seek ye first the kingdom of God**

## **INTRODUCTION**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah: 31: 27 – 34**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. In those days they shall no longer say: 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.' But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

## **PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**THIRD HYMN: 662 Have you heard God's voice**

**SECOND READING: Luke: 18: 1 – 8**

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

## **REFLECTION**

**FOURTH HYMN: 660 Called by Christ to be disciples**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **OFFERTORY**

**FINAL HYMN: 340 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim**

## **BENEDICTION**

Next Sunday, Rev'd Stephen and Deacon Myrtle Poxon, 10.30am
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The flowers in church today have been provided by Lynton and Sue Cope, many thanks.

**MONDAY FOCUS:** For the meeting this week we have Peter Herriot as our guest speaker. There will also be a sandwich lunch. We start at 1pm in the Wesley room as usual. New people are always welcome! For more information contact Rosemary: 07791 603 668.

**READER REQUEST** – We will soon be preparing the church rota for the next quarter and we are looking for additional people to go on the readers list for Sunday services. If you would like to volunteer for this, please let Sarah or one of the Stewards know asap. Many thanks.

**CIRCUIT SERVICE – 29<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER,** We will need additional volunteers (4no.) to provide refreshments after the circuit service on 29<sup>th</sup> December, if you are able to help, please add your name to the usual sign up sheet next to the kitchen or speak to Dorothy. Thank you!

**CHANGES TO THE CIRCUIT PLAN 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER:** The service will be led by Revd Stephen and Deacon Myrtle Poxon. Emily Poxon, the youngest member of the family, (daughter of Loren and Matthew, who have been worshiping with us recently) will be baptised by her grandparents during the service.

**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. A service of celebration is to be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October by Rev. Michaela Youngson.

**THURSDAY SERVICES:** The next lunchtime service will be this Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, at 12.45pm. As usual, after the service we gather for a sandwich lunch (£5).

**FIJIAN METHODIST FELLOWSHIP:** Their regular worship is held at our church two Sundays a month. Their next dates are 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> November.

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

Those of our church community who are unwell or who have need for our prayers: Eddie Battarbee, Kath Carpenter who is currently comfortable at Fallowfields, 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: Daquone & Davonte.

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 Churches Together Council.



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November - 7.15pm, Quiz Night, NEMC

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

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Tree Festival, CMC

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Carol Singing for Action for Children at the Glades

### **Christmas Tree Festival 2019**

We are looking forward to the 2019 Christmas Tree Festival and need your help to make it another fun and successful event!

Please see below the list of donations needed and times when we need volunteers to help 'staff' the opening day event! We have room for a few stall holders...do you know anyone who might like to run a stall? We will be charging £10 per stall.

#### **Donations needed**

- Christmas Hamper Raffle - some luxury items to be included in the hamper - remember only non-alcoholic drinks!
- Chocolate for the 'Chocolate Tombola!' Anything Chocolate - from a chocolate minibar to a box of chocolates or even a chocolate snowman!
- Cake Stall - there will be a cake stall and we would like offers of cakes, homemade bread, buns or biscuits.
- Refreshments - lunch will be offered on the opening day of the festival and we require volunteers arranging this, but we would also like some small cakes which can be sold with tea/coffee on the day. Child-friendly cakes always go down well with the dancers!

#### **Volunteers**

- The opening event is on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November between 12 noon and 5 pm. If you are able to come along at 10 am to help set up, help serve in the refreshments area, even for just one hour - the more volunteers we have the less work it will be! Or if you can come at the end of the day to help clear up. Any help at all will be most welcome.

#### **Nativity Scenes**

This year we are hoping to have a number of nativity scenes set up amongst the trees during the festival and we are appealing for any which can be lent to the church for this purpose. Nothing too fragile or of enormous sentimental value please! If you have anything you can lend for this, please contact Sarah or Gillian J as soon as possible.

We really do appreciate your help. If you have any questions please speak to Sarah, Gillian J or Jane. If you are unable to help this year do try and come along on the opening day and enjoy the festival and tell your family and friends!

Thank you