



Sunday 27th October 2019
Chislehurst Methodist Church

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Prayer for the week

Everlasting God, who calls us to be the Body of Christ, we pray for those who hear and respond to your gospel:
with their minds, that they grow in understanding;
with their hearts, that they remain strong in you;
with their lips that they sing and speak your love and praise;
with their hands, that they serve faithfully;
with their feet, that they continue to journey with you.

May all our being be totally committed to you and all that you offer through the life, death and resurrection of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Graham Thompson, Plymouth and Exeter District Chair



Minister: Rev'd Duncan MacBean (Day off - Friday)



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Please note that Sarah will be working remotely on Thursday 31st October, contactable by email or mobile phone.



**Church Gift Day - to date we have received £8,220.
Many thanks to all who have contributed.**

Sunday 27th October at 10.30am
Preacher: Rev'd Stephen and Deacon Myrtle Poxon

Please take this
notice sheet home
with you

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER (responsive)

The Lord be with you
and also with you
The Lord is in this place
and we come to worship Him
Let us bow down and worship
and praise the Lord our maker
For we are His people
we praise and glorify His name
Let us shout to the Lord with all the earth
let us sing, praise and majesty to the King
My soul sings out
How great Thou art
My heart rejoices
My God, how great thou art

FIRST HYMN: 82 O Lord my God

PRAYERS OF PRAISE

FIRST READING: Psalm 63

Comfort and Assurance in God's Presence

A Psalm of David, when he was in the Wilderness of Judah.

O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
when I think of you on my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

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.

MONDAY FOCUS: For the meeting this week we have Val leading songs from films, after 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.

CHISLEHURST ACT OF REMEMBRANCE: Will this year be held on the Village Green section of Chislehurst Common less than 100 yards from the War Memorial on Sunday 10th November at 10:50. The Metropolitan Police Service is currently experiencing an unprecedented amount of demand and will not be able to facilitate the road closures necessary to hold a safe service at the Memorial by the traffic lights. The Village Green lies between Church Row and School Lane near the two stores. Wreaths will be laid at the War Memorial after the service. Please spread the word.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL – NATIVITY SCENES APPEAL! This year we are hoping to have several 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.

DROP-IN PRAYERS FOR CHISLEHURST AND BICKLEY: Organised by Churches Together there will be an opportunity to pray for Chislehurst, Bickley and our Churches each Thursday between 12noon-1pm at the Church of The Annunciation opposite Sainsbury's in the High Street. Everyone is very welcome. The "Coffee Stop", is also open each Thursday from 10am-12 noon.

ST. GEORGE'S QUIZ NIGHT, SATURDAY, 23 NOVEMBER: We invite teams of 6-8 to register, with an entrance fee of £6pp. Please bring snacks and drinks. The evening will begin at 7 for 7.30pm, with a raffle and other prizes. Please reserve your tickets from Margaret Brading (07793 402 459 / margaret.brading@yahoo.com).

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 – 29TH DECEMBER, We will need additional volunteers (4no.) to provide refreshments after the circuit service on 29th 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!

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. A service of celebration is to be held on Sunday 11th October by Rev. Michaela Youngson.

THURSDAY SERVICES: The next lunchtime service will be this Thursday, 7th 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 3rd & 10th November.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 1st November - 7.15pm, Quiz Night, NEMC

Saturday 9th November - Messy Church

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

Wednesday 27th November - 7-9pm, Christmas Wreath Making Workshop by The Maypole Project (charity that we will be supporting for our Christmas Tree Festival this year) - poster on noticeboard

Saturday 30th November - Sunday 8th December - Christmas Tree Festival, CMC

Sunday 8th December - Carol Singing for Action for Children at the Glades

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, Maureen Spinks who has broken her wrist, 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.



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!
- Nativity scenes to display during the festival (see details in main notice sheet)

Volunteers

The opening event is on Saturday 30th 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.

We are also still looking for volunteers to Steward the festival during the week, particularly in the afternoon slots. If you can help with this, please contact Ruth Dawe.

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