



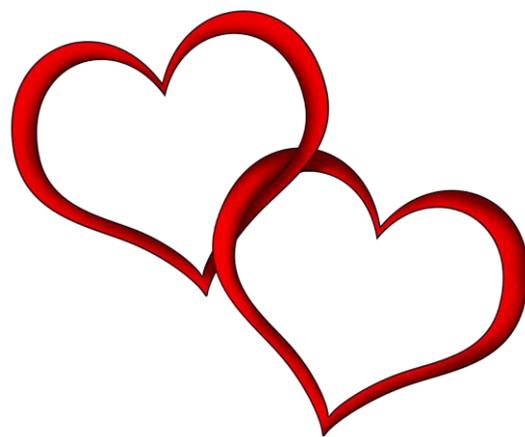
Sunday 3rd November 2019
Chislehurst Methodist Church

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Prayer for the week

Lord Jesus Christ, draw our hearts to yours with a love that is irresistible;
unite our hearts to yours with a love that is immeasurable,
and bind our hearts to yours with a love that is inseparable;
now and for ever. Amen.



Miles Coverdale (1488-1568)

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

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

**Sunday 3rd November at 10.30am
Preacher: Rev'd Duncan MacBean**

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

FIRST HYMN: 103 God is Love!

PRAYERS OF ADORATION (PSALM 32: 1-7, RESPONSIVE) AND CONFESSION

SECOND HYMN: 564 O thou who camest from above

FIRST READING: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

The second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring. To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfil by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

SECOND READING: Luke 19:1-10

Jesus and Zacchaeus

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

SERMON

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THIRD HYMN: 368 When morning gilds the skies (v3, women only, v4 men only)
(children return)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PEACE

OFFERING

COMMUNION

FINAL HYMN: 726 Come to us creative spirit

BENEDICTION

Next Sunday, Ms Deborah Spinks, Remembrance Service, 10.30am

The flowers in church today celebrate the life of Jean Higgins whose funeral was held here on Friday.

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.

MONDAY FOCUS: For the meeting this week we have a Service with Deacon Maureen Spinks and 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.

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 today & 10th November.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 9th November - Messy Church

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

Saturday 23rd November - Quiz Night, St George's Bickley, 7.30pm (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: Lea Laomi.

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 St Nicholas Church.



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



We welcome you!

On: 9th November 2019

At: Chislehurst Methodist Church

Come along, to share the stories of the Lost Coin and the Lost Sheep. We will be thinking of Remembrance day.

Join us from 4 to 6 pm for an afternoon of (crafts, games and more) for all the family. Followed by a shared tea for all.

Fun filled family event for all!

Voluntary donations welcomed however this is a free event.

