



Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
**Chislehurst Methodist Church**

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**Prayer for the week**

We pray, as we remember those who have suffered as a result of our forgetfulness or our inhumanity one to another, that we may also disarm our desire to overpower, capture or vanquish.

Help us to resist peacefully every form of violence so that we can follow you in ways of gentleness and justice, continually resolving to form life-giving relationships, strengthened by the forgiveness of Jesus the fearlessness of the Spirit the transforming love of the Creator.  
Amen



*From a prayer by Rev'd Barbara Glasson*

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**The Church Christmas Tree.**

This Christmas our tree is to be hung with hearts and a poster will declare "Let every heart prepare room for Him.". You are invited to make one of the heart decorations after this morning's service. All the necessary materials will be on a table at the back of the church. Elaine

Please take this notice  
sheet home with you

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am**  
**Preacher: Deborah Spinks**

**WELCOME**

**PRAYER OF APPROACH**

**FIRST HYMN: 132 O God our help**

**PRAYERS OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

**CHILDREN'S ADDRESS**

**2 MINUTE'S SILENCE**

**SECOND HYMN: 418 We have a gospel to proclaim**

**FIRST READING: Hebrews 13: 1-8**

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

**SECOND READING: Matthew 5: 17-25**

'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

'You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement." But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool", you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and

go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison.

**THIRD HYMN:                    707 Make me a channel**

**SERMON**

**PRAYERS OF RESPONSE**

**FOURTH HYMN:                696 For the healing of the nations**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**FINAL HYMN:                 489 All I once held dear**

**BENEDICTION**

Next Sunday, Mrs Heather Williams
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**CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE:** The Carol Service is at 4 p.m. on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. It would good to have a choir to sing some items. If you would like to be part of that group please have a word with me as soon as possible. There will be a few rehearsals of course – watch this space. Gillian Beecher Bryant, Tel: 020 8467 6906.

**MONDAY FOCUS:** For the meeting this week we have a hot lunch and bring and buy sale. We start at 1pm in the Wesley room as usual. New people are always welcome! For more information contact Rosemary: 07791 603 668.

**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.

### **ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020**

Next year's World Day of Prayer service for the Chislehurst and Bickley churches is to be held here at our church on the morning of Friday 6th March. The local WDP committee will lead the worship but we shall need a team of people here to ensure that everything runs smoothly. If you are willing to be involved in any way please let me know and put the date in your diary. Elaine Battarbee

**DROP-IN PRAYERS FOR CHISLEHURST AND BICKLEY:** Churches Together Drop in Prayer Group- Thursdays 12-1pm at the Annunciation Church. Our informal prayer began on 24th October with 3 of us (where 2 or 3 are gathered together, there am I in the midst of them said Jesus). The following week there were 5 of us, from 3 different churches. Everyone is welcome to come and pray for our Churches, for Chislehurst and for our country as we face a general election. Coffee is available beforehand at the Annunciation between 10am-12noon each Thursday. For more information contact Judith West. jude161@hotmail.com

**A MESSAGE FROM LYND SAY SMITH, DIRECTOR OF CHISLEHURST YOUTH FOR CHRIST:** After 12 years with CYfC I have decided its time to move on and seek new opportunities. I wish the trustees well and pray God's favour on their future endeavours. I have appreciated working with so many wonderful men and women who have a passion to see young people's lives transformed with the love of Jesus. I have met and become friends with so many people over my 12 years in Chislehurst. And have also grown and matured in my time at Chislehurst Youth For Christ through my many interactions with you all. Its truly been a time of 'iron sharpening iron'. I am grateful to God for all he has done in and through me and my staff team. Its truly the end of an era! But I'm excited about moving into a new one and expectant about what God will do next. If you have any work related queries, please feel free to speak to Derek Holl, CYFC's Chair of Trustees. derek.holl@jubileechurch.co.uk And if you would like to keep in touch with me my new email is info@lyndsaysmith.org

**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).

**THE FIJIAN METHODIST FELLOWSHIP’S:** Regular worship is held here two Sundays a month, the next date is today. Due to our Christmas Tree Festival, we are unable to accommodate the FMF at their usual times in December, so they will join the Sunday morning worship instead, we look forward to welcoming them.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Quiz Night, St George’s Bickley, 7.30pm (poster on noticeboard)

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 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

### **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, 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 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.

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