



Sunday 17th November 2019

Chislehurst Methodist Church

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Prayer for the week

Loving Lord, give us the courage to reach out in new ways with the good news of your love.

As we travel in new directions, help us to be always alert to the prompting of your Spirit, always aware of your presence and open to the needs of those we encounter on the way.

As we seek to be witnesses to your love, help us to be a blessing to all those that we meet on our journeying.

Amen.



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Christmas Tree Festival Flyer

There is a flyer for the Christmas Tree Festival inside this Notice Sheet, please pass it to a friend or neighbor who might like to come along. There are some additional flyers available on the piano if you need more copies. There are also A4 posters if you know of anywhere we could display one, please do take them.



Sunday 17th November at 10.30am
Preacher: Mrs Heather Williams

Please take this notice
sheet home with you

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

FIRST HYMN: 83 Praise my soul the king of Heaven

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL AGE MESSAGE

SECOND HYMN: 476 One more step along the world I go

PSALM 98

FIRST READING: Luke 21: 5-19

The Destruction of the Temple Foretold

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

Signs and Persecutions

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

THIRD HYMN: 55 Immortal invisible

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING

FOURTH HYMN: 54 I will worship

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3: 1-18

Request for Prayer

Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified everywhere, just as it is among you, and that we may be rescued from wicked and evil people; for not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you are doing and will go on doing the things that we command. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

Warning against Idleness

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right. Take note of those who do not obey what we say in this letter; have nothing to do with them, so that they may be ashamed. Do not regard them as enemies, but warn them as believers.

Final Greetings and Benediction

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with all of you. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. This is the mark in every letter of mine; it is the way I write. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.

SERMON

FINAL HYMN: 545 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

BLESSING

Next Sunday, Mr Chris Price, 10.30am

The flowers in church this week have been provided by Gillian Johnson, many thanks.

2020 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MEETING: There will be a short information session after worship **this morning** (at 11.45am) to discuss plans for the 2020 Anniversary Celebrations.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE: The Carol Service is at 4 p.m. on Sunday 22nd 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.

CONTACT: There is a new edition of Contact Magazine available on the piano, please help yourselves! There will be another issue coming out in December so please speak to Sarah regarding any content for that one.

MONDAY FOCUS: This week we will have guest speak Sue Gilder, 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.

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.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL – OPENING DAY, We are very much in need of volunteers to help out with stalls and refreshments on the opening day of the Christmas tree festival (30th Nov). Please speak to Gillian J, one of the Stewards or Sarah if you can help. We also still need donations for the chocolate tombola and raffle hamper, these can be brought to in the church office. Many thanks!

CAROL SINGING FOR ACTION FOR CHILDREN

We need singers and collectors please, to raise funds for this amazing charity (www.actionforchildren.org.uk). I've booked the 2pm slot at The Glades in Bromley on Sunday, 8th December and with enough support we will be there until 330pm. Please have a word with me today to let me know you will be there, or please email cpott7@gmail.com. We would also be grateful for help in carrying our 'kit' to Bromley. Many thanks, Christine Pott.



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

CHURCH “SIGNIFICANT” ANNIVERSARY Monday October 5th 2020 will mark the 150th anniversary of the first service in this church. 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, 21st 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. 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

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

Sunday 29th December - Circuit Service to be held at CMC

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those of our church community who are unwell or who have need for our prayers: Jane Cowie, 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 George’s Church, Bickley.

