



Sunday 1st December 2019
Chislehurst Methodist Church

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Prayer for the week

Eternal beauty, who came in Christ and is present by your Spirit, we praise you for the love that birthed creation and thank you that we can never exhaust the goodness of your gifts.

Enable us to hear your call and to respond to your prompting, that our hands may be the hands of your Son, Jesus Christ, and our lives become a perfect offering through your blessed Spirit.

May we flourish with your creation as we work with your grace for the good of all you have made. Amen.



Kerry Tankard, Yorkshire West District Chair

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The next practice for the **CAROL SERVICE CHOIR** is **TODAY**, starting **15 minutes** after the end of the **Service** in the **Wesley Room**. It will last for about half an hour, do bring your coffee!

Gillian Beecher Bryant: 020 8467 6906



Please take this notice
sheet home with you

Sunday 1st December at 9.30am

Preacher: Rev'd Duncan MacBean, Holy Communion

Advent Offering 2019 – Homelessness and Hospitality

The Candle Liturgy links lighting the Advent Wreath with the theme of this year's Advent Offering. Each week in Advent the Leader says a prayer and lights the candle(s). Then everyone sings a verse from Longing for Light (StF 706).

LIGHTING OF THE 1ST ADVENT CANDLE

LONGING FOR LIGHT – VERSE 1 (STF 706)

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

FIRST HYMN: 169 Come though long expected Jesus

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

SECOND HYMN: 167 Colours of day

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2: 1-5

The Future House of God

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Judgement Pronounced on Arrogance

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

SECOND READING: Matthew 24: 36-44

The Necessity for Watchfulness

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

SERMON

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THIRD HYMN: 177 Lo! He comes with clouds descending

THE PEACE

OFFERING

COMMUNION (Pg 124)

*21, *22, *23, *25, *30

FINAL HYMN: 410 Lord your church

BENEDICTION

Next Sunday 8th December, Mrs Julie Gardner, 10.30am

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 be talking about Christmas celebrations around the world with Rev'd Duncan MacBean, 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.

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

ORPINGTON LADIES CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT, Thursday 5th December @ 2 pm. Christ Lutheran Church ,277 Proverest Road,Orpington,BR5 1RD. This is an excellent free event with a tea. Plus the audience gets to join in with the singing. Just a mention that Veronica Crowther is one of the choir members.See notice on the board. Many thanks, Rosemary Hughes

THURSDAY SERVICES: The next lunchtime service will be this Thursday 5th December, 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 30th November - Sunday 8th December - Christmas Tree Festival, CMC
Sunday 8th December, 2-3.30pm - Carol Singing for Action for Children at the Glades
Sunday 22nd December, 4pm - Carols by Candlelight (no morning service)
Wednesday 25th December, 11am - Christmas Day Service
Sunday 29th December, 10.30am - 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: Elodie, Wilhelmina, Deyan, William, Jessica, Phoebe, Edward & Kaleb.

A message from Jane Cowie: Thank you all for your kind words, thoughts, prayers and kind cards and emails at this difficult time. It really has meant a lot to Thomas, Sadie, William and I. We are feeling very loved and supported. Looking forward to being back amongst my Church family and friends again soon. Much love, Jane Cowie xx

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 Christ Church.



We've included a Messy Church leaflet in this Notice Sheet, please pass it on to family or friends who might like to come along for some fun!



**We welcome you to join us for a
Messy Christmas!**

At: Chislehurst Methodist Church

On: Saturday 14th December

From: 4:00 – 6:00 pm

**Join us to celebrate the birth of Jesus. A fun filled
afternoon of Christmas themed crafts and games,
followed by a shared family party tea!**

All are welcome!

(Find us in the upper room)

Voluntary donations welcomed however this is a free event.

Prayer and Greetings Tree.

The Prayer and Greetings Christmas Tree will be in the Courtyard from 3rd December.

Anyone using the Church premises may write a prayer or send a greeting on one of the cards and hang it on the tree. We hope Church members will use this as an opportunity to write Christmas Greetings to other members instead of sending individual cards, and to give a donation to The Bible Society in lieu of the cost of buying cards and postage. Bible Society envelopes will be available. Please hand in any donations to a steward or the office.

Thank you from the Dawe Housegroup