



Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
**Chislehurst Methodist Church**

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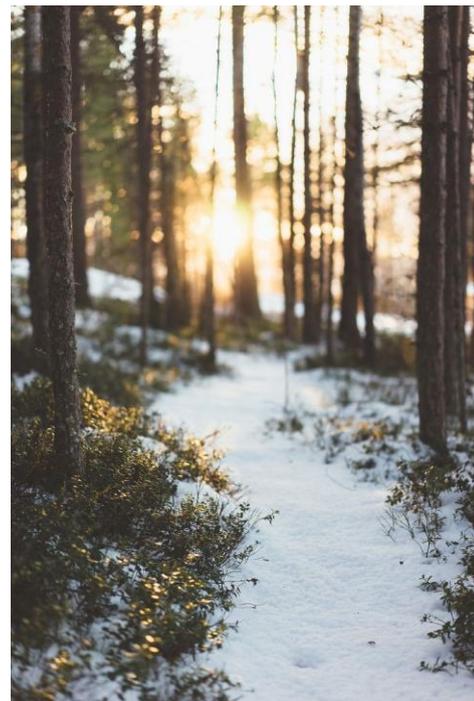
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**Prayer for the week**

God of unimaginable love, we give you thanks and praise.  
For the love that welcomes the unlovely,  
for the love that pardons the unworthy,  
for the love that knows no limit,  
we give you thanks and praise.

In the love that inspires our worship,  
in the love of which we would learn more,  
in the love we share in our caring,  
we give you thanks and praise.

As your love in us serves our neighbour,  
as your love tells its story through us,  
as your love calls us your people,  
we give you thanks and praise. Amen.



*Jonathan Hustler, Secretary, British Methodist Conference*

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sheet home with you**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am  
Preacher: Rev'd Duncan MacBean**

## **WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER**

**FIRST HYMN:                    25 God is here**

## **PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

**SECOND HYMN                    255 - The kingdom of God  
(v. 2 men, v.3 women)**

**FIRST READING:                Hebrews 12: 1-15**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children—

“My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, or lose heart when you are punished by him; for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves, and chastises every child whom he accepts.” Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline? If you do not have that discipline in which all children share, then you are illegitimate and not his children. Moreover, we had human parents to discipline us, and we respected them. Should we not be even more willing to be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share his holiness. Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed. Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble, and through it many become defiled.

## **SERMON**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### ACT OF COVENANT

### THE PEACE

### THE OFFERING

THIRD HYMN                      549 - Come let us use the grace divine

### COMMUNION

FINAL HYMN                      495 - Dear Lord and Father of mankind  
*(v.2 men, v.4 women)*

### BENEDICTION

Next Service: Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> January, Mrs Joan Mayes
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**MONDAY FOCUS:** For the meeting this week we have a service lead by Rev'd Duncan MacBean, followed by a sandwich lunch (£5). Next week (13<sup>th</sup> January) will be a hot lunch. Details of the programme for Jan-April will follow soon. For more information contact Rosemary on: 07791 603 668.

**NATIVITY SCENES:** If you lent a nativity scene for us to use at the Christmas Tree Festival, thank you! These can now be collected from the tables in the welcome area.

**THE COFFEE ROTA for 2020** is now available for you to sign up please. Any more information from Dorothy Kelly: 020 8249 8452. Thank you!

**DOG SITTER NEEDED:** Our church handyman, Dave, needs someone to 'dog sit' for a couple of hours a day during the week of 20<sup>th</sup> Jan (exact days/times to be confirmed) He has two small, friendly dogs and is in the Green Lane area. If you can help, please let Sarah (church office) know. Thank you!

### CHRISTMAS DONATIONS:

We have collected a fantastic amount for our charities this Christmas:

- Bible Society - £122.00,
- West London Mission - £270.00,
- Latch Project - £685.75,
- Maypole Project - £1376.64 (Christmas Tree Festival) + School Carol Services - £529.60. Total: £1,906.24.

Thank you all for your donations and time and effort!

**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.

**THURSDAY SERVICES:** The next Thursday Service will be on 16<sup>th</sup> January at 12.45pm in the Wesley room. 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 dates are today and 12<sup>th</sup> January.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March - Knitted Bible Exhibition  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March - World Day of Prayer

### **WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

Those of our church community who are unwell or who have need for our prayers: Jane and the Cowie family, Kath Carpenter, Pam Wallace, Monica Faux, Pam Giles, Tim Holton, 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: Tayla, Ryan.

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 Committee.





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Dreamcoat

We welcome you to  
**Chislehurst Methodist Church**

Our next Messy Church session will  
be held;

**On: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

**From: 4:00 – 6:00 pm**