



Sunday 12th January 2020
Chislehurst Methodist Church

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Prayer for the week

Loving God, you call us to respond, to receive, and to let go, and invite us to trust your gospel call, your gospel way and your gospel life. Wherever life is full, joy is deep and grace abundant, or where these gifts are yet glimpsed and yearned for, help us to let go and to take up, to give and to receive and, in all our ventures and deliberations, to be inspired and guided by the dying and rising of your Son, our shepherd, Saviour and companion.



Thus, may we come to rest in your eternal self-giving love, glimpsed in beauty, received in kindness, made known in fellowship with you and one another, enduring forever in our hills, valleys and dwelling places. Amen.

James Tebbutt, Cumbria District Chair

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Post-Christmas Tree Festival Meeting

We will be holding a meeting to review last year's event and consider whether to hold a similar Christmas Tree Festival in 2020. This will be taking place on Thursday 23rd January at 1.30pm in the church. All are welcome, if you can't attend in person but would like to give some feedback on last year's event, please contact Gillian J or Sarah.



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

**Sunday 12th January at 10.30am
Preacher: Mrs Joan Mayes**

CALL TO WORSHIP

FIRST HYMN: 691 What shall our greeting be: sign of our unity

PRAYERS OF ADORATION

ALL AGE ADDRESS

SECOND HYMN: 330 Joy to the world

FIRST READING: Matthew 3: 13 – 17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

REFLECTION

THIRD HYMN: 233 When Jesus came to Jordan

SECOND READING: Acts 10: 34 – 43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

REFLECTION

FOURTH HYMN: 394 Spirit of God unseen as the wind

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

FINAL HYMN: 546 Behold the servant of the Lord

BLESSING

Next Service: Sunday 19th January, Mr Chris Price

The flowers for today's service have been provided by Mona Adekola in memory of her dear late grandmother who would have been 100yrs old this week. Many thanks Mona.

MONDAY FOCUS: For the meeting this week we will be having a hot lunch. Details of the programme for Jan-April will follow soon. For more information contact Rosemary on: 07791 603 668.

ACTION FOR CHILDREN DONATIONS: A huge thank you to all those who made donations to Action for Children following our carol singing disappointment at The Glades. Christine has been able to bank £255 and gift aid can be added to all but £25 of that.

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.

A REMINDER OF TWO EVENTS MARKING THE RETIREMENT OF REV'D CANON ALAN MUSTOE: Concert – this is being held in St Nicholas Church at 3.30pm on Saturday 18th January (afternoon tea will be served in the interval). There will be a £5 cost for the ticket with the collection from ticket sales being donated to Bromley Brighter Beginnings, a charity chosen by Alan.

Final Service – this is being held in St Nicholas Church, at 9.30am on Sunday 26th January. Refreshments will be served in the Village Hall after the service. You are invited to attend both events but will understand if this Sunday service is not possible. For catering purposes, it would be helpful if you could let us know of your attendance by this Friday 10th January.

Please reply to Sarah Cordwell: sarahjc45@gmail.com

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!

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 16th 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 12th January.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 18th February - Tuesday 3rd March - Knitted Bible Exhibition
Friday 6th 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 (Sarah's father), Myrtle and Neill Truman.

All our friends who are in care homes, particularly Arthur Hayes who is recovering from a chest infection, 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 St Nicholas Church.



