



Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
**Chislehurst Methodist Church**

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**Prayer for the week**

Grant us, O God, a greater obedience to your will,  
a more fervent love for our neighbour  
and a stronger thirst for your word;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*William Tyndale (c.1494-1536)*



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**The Knitted Bible**

The Knitted Bible is coming to our Church from Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. It was created by members of St. George's United Reformed Church, Hartlepool and consists of 33 scenes from the Bible.

The exhibition is suitable for all ages and our local schools are being invited to visit during the second week. We are hoping to open the exhibition to the public from 10am - 3pm (18.02-23.02 & 29.02, 01.03) but this will depend on having enough stewards to be on duty (as with the Xmas tree festival).

Please contact Ruth Dawe if you are able to help. Thank you!



Please take this notice  
sheet home with you

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am  
Preacher: Mr Chris Price

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

FIRST HYMN: 394 Spirit of God unseen as the wind

## ALL AGE ADDRESS

SECOND HYMN: 51 Great is thy faithfulness  
(*children' leave*)

## PRAYERS

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43: 1-7  
**Restoration and Protection Promised**

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

SECOND READING: Luke 3: 7-18, 21-22

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He

said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

**THIRD HYMN:                    20 Be still, for the presence of the Lord**

## **SERMON**

## **PRAYERS**

**FOURTH HYMN:                504 May the mind of Christ my savior**

## **OFFERTORY**

**FINAL HYMN:                 404 God's Spirit is in my heart**

## **BLESSING**

Next Service: Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> January, Mr Anthony Windsor
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The flowers for today's service have been provided by Helen van Teutem. Many thanks.

**MONDAY FOCUS:** For the meeting this week we will be having a sandwich lunch and a making plans session. Details of the programme for Jan-April are available on the piano. For more information contact Rosemary on: 07791 603 668.

**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.



**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.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020:** We look forward to hosting the World Day of Prayer service here this year. It will take place on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** at 11.00 with a welcome cafe from 10.15 a.m. Women of Zimbabwe have prepared the service and they encourage us all to reflect on the difficulties and unrest that have plagued their country over many years. They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future. They encourage us to **'Rise, take your mat and walk'** with them as they continue their often turbulent journey towards full reconciliation. Many thanks to those who have offered to help on the day. Further details will follow.  
Elaine Battarbee.



### **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!

The Maypole Project have sent the following message of thanks: ‘*“This is an incredible amount and will make such a huge difference to the families we support, to give you an idea we need a round £750 to support a child for one year so this will go on to support at least 2 children for a whole year!”*’

### **CHURCHES TOGETHER UNITED SERVICE, SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY, 3pm**

This service will take place at Christ Church, Lubbock Road. The speaker will be Rob Stevenette of TLG – Transforming Lives for Good. <https://www.tlg.org.uk/about-us>. He will talk about TLG’s work in transforming the lives of young people and how by the end of 2018, TLG was partnering with over 200 churches - reaching over 5,000 children, young people and their families each year. Tea and cakes will follow the service.

### **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 18<sup>th</sup> 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. A few tickets remain.

**Final Service** – this is being held in St Nicholas Church, at 9.30am on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> January.

Please reply to Sarah Cordwell: [sarahjc45@gmail.com](mailto:sarahjc45@gmail.com)

**NATIVITY SCENES:** If you lent a nativity scene for us to use at the Christmas Tree Festival, thank you! Please do collect these from the tables in the welcome area.

**THURSDAY SERVICES:** The next Thursday Service will be on 6<sup>th</sup> February 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 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Messy Church

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</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, 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, Kath Carpenter 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 George's Church, Bickley.

