



Sunday 26th January 2020
Chislehurst Methodist Church

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Prayer for the week

God of all grace, we rejoice that your love is for all, unlimited and free.

May we, your children, have the same generous love for the world that you show us in Christ. For in Christ, we are all seen and known fully, redeemed and restored, and we need never be ashamed of failure.

May we, in responding to all you offer us in Christ, learn to view others and see your world only through the lens of your love, which holds us, heals us and restores us to fullness of life. Amen.



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We continue to provide our fun, craft filled Messy Church sessions each month with the help of our wonderful volunteers.

Our aim for the next few months is to gather more families into the sessions (and hopefully the church). The sessions are aimed at families with younger children (under 8's).

We need the help of our church family to take a few leaflets to hand out to friends, family, neighbours this could make a HUGE difference!

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

**Sunday 26th January at 10.30am
Preacher: Rev'd Anthony Windsor**

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

FIRST HYMN: 134 Christ, whose glory fill the skie

OPENING PRAYER – THE LORD'S PRAYER

LOOK BACK...LOOK FORWARD

SECOND HYMN: 696 For the healing of the nations

FIRST READING: 1 John 3, 18 – 4, 6

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. And this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming; and now it is already in the world. Little children, you are from God, and have conquered them; for the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore what they say is from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us, and whoever is not from God does not listen to us. From this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

SECOND READING: Matthew 4, 12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

THIRD HYMN: 685 In Christ there is no east or west

SERMON

FOURTH HYMN: 673 Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

OFFERTORY**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION****LIGHT OF CHRIST/SHINE IN OUR LIVES**

FINAL HYMN: 346 Christ is the world's light

BLESSING

Next Service: Sunday 2nd February, Rev'd Gillian Walsh, Holy Communion

The flowers for today's service have been provided by Evelyn Maclean. Many thanks.

MONDAY FOCUS: For the meeting this week we will be having a sandwich lunch followed by a visit to Fallowfield. Details of the programme for Jan-April are available on the piano. For more information contact Rosemary on: 07791 603 668.

THE KNITTED BIBLE: The Knitted Bible is coming to our Church from Tuesday 18th February – Tuesday 3rd 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 opening the exhibition to the public from 10am - 3pm on 18.02-23.02 & 29.02) and are still looking to fill a few stewarding slots. If you are able to help, please contact Ruth Dawe.

Leaflets about the event are on the piano, please take one and pass on to anyone who may be interested in attending. Thank you!

ORPINGTON METHODIST CHURCH PASSION PLAY - OMC are hoping to put-on a short Passion Play at the church during Holy Week. (Tues 7 & Wed 8th Apr). They are planning to hold auditions on Tues 11 Feb at 8pm at the church and Terry is keen to involve anybody in the other churches who might be interested in taking part. Please contact Pat Woodison with any queries.

PARKING AT CHURCH, AFTERNOON OF 31st JANUARY: Please note that the due to a memorial service in the church on Friday the car park will be very busy. So please do avoid using it wherever possible. Specific spaces have been assigned for different user groups and it will be closed when full. If you have any queries, please contact Sarah in the office. Apologies in for the inconvenience.

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 6th 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.



CHURCHES TOGETHER UNITED SERVICE, SUNDAY 2nd 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.

NATIVITY SETS: If you kindly lent a nativity scene for us to use at the Christmas Tree Festival, thank you! These can be collected from the welcome area, if they are not claimed in the next week they will be moved up to the loft to make way for the knitted bible event.

THURSDAY SERVICES: The next Thursday Service will be on 6th 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 2nd & 9th February.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 8th February - Messy Church
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, 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's daughter has sent the update below, 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 Church of the Annunciation.



A note from Arthur Hayes' daughter (18th Jan):

Dear friends,

It seems so recent that I was reading your many responses to my update earlier this month, after Arthur was fighting off a chest infection. I am asking you to please pray again because although Dad seemed to have recovered well, he has in the past few days become very weak. He has become very quiet, showing little of his normal self, and losing almost all interest in eating and drinking, and being even sleepier than usual. He seems very peaceful. The GP is due to see him Monday. The care home don't currently regard Arthur as being 'end of life' and on paper nor do I, but my vibe is otherwise. So please join us in praying for the Lord's love and peace to enfold Dad, whichever way the Lord's purposes are leading. Many thanks, Nicky.