



Sunday 2nd February 2020
Chislehurst Methodist Church

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Prayer for the week

Good-news God, when you promised Abraham a son in old age,
Sarah responded to the gospel with laughter;
when you promised Moses that you would deliver your people
from slavery,
he responded to the gospel by asking "Who am I?" and "who
are you?";
when you promised Mary a son called Jesus,
she responded to the gospel by saying, "Here I am, the
servant of the Lord";
when you promised the disciples the coming of your Spirit,
they responded to the gospel by waiting in prayer;
when you promised Paul that your grace was sufficient,
he responded to the gospel by finding contentment in weakness and hardship.
Good-news God, make me laugh, make me wonder,
make me submit, make me wait, make me content.
Give me new life, give me identity, give me Jesus, give me Spirit, give me grace.
Amen



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sheet home with you

Sunday 2nd February at 10.30am, Holy Communion
Preacher: Rev'd Anthony Windsor

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

FIRST HYMN: 365 Jesu, the joy of loving hearts

MWB Pg 129-130, *3-4

NEWSTIME

LESSON 1 – INTRODUCTION

READING: Luke 2: 22-40

Jesus Is Presented in the Temple

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

The Return to Nazareth

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

SECOND HYMN: 229 Mary and Joseph

LESSON 2 – MWB Pg 131 – A Song of the Incarnation (read together)

SERMON

THIRD HYMN: 173 Into the darkness of this world

OFFERTORY

MWB Pg 132-5, *14-16

FOURTH HYMN: 594 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

MWB Pg 137-9, *21-24

COMMUNION

MWB Pg 140, *29

FINAL HYMN: 585 God whose love is all around us

MWB Pg 140, *31-32

BENEDICTION

Next Service: Sunday 9th February, Mr John Sennett

The flowers for today's service have been provided by Sue Wiffen. Many thanks.

MONDAY FOCUS: 1pm for Monica's 90th birthday celebration **at Chislehurst Golf Club**. Sandwich lunch and cake provided. 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). If you are able to help steward, 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!

MESSY CHURCH: 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!



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.

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.



COOPERS SCHOOL HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY – THURSDAY 13TH FEB

See poster on noticeboard for details, the school would like as many members of the wider community to attend what will surely be a though provoking evening.

ST GEORGE'S LENT LECTURE: Fr Richard writes: You are cordially invited to join us for our second **Lent Lecture and Recital**, on **Sunday 1 March** at 6.30pm (preceded by Stations of the Cross, and tea in the Hall), when Stephen Davies will speak on "Bach's interpretation of Christian themes and seasons in his music for organ". Poster on noticeboard.

CHURCHES TOGETHER UNITED SERVICE, TODAY 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.

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 today & 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

Friends will be sorry to learn that Les Giles passed away early on Friday 31st January. Our condolences to Pam and her family. A funeral service in memory of Les will be held at the church. Details will be circulated as they become available.

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 happy update below, Kath Carpenter, Les Giles and Joan Clements.

All those who have birthdays this month: Aubrey and special congratulations to Monica Faux who will be 90 on 4th February.

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.



Another message from Arthur Hayes' daughter (28th Jan):

Dear Chislehurst friends,

I am very glad to report that Arthur was discharged from the satellite hospital in Rugby yesterday afternoon, having made a full recovery from his chest infection. He was well cared for in hospital and had become quite a favourite amongst the staff. Likewise he was warmly received back at Willowtree.

Thank you all for praying for Arthur! Thank you too for your messages of support and care, which I have been passing on to Dad.

With love and blessings, Nicky.