



Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
**Chislehurst Methodist Church**

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Prayer for the week

Loving God,  
you show yourself to us in so many different ways:  
in times of joy and of sorrow,  
in experiences of beauty and of challenge,  
in periods of rest and of activity.  
In whatever state we find ourselves,  
help us to be open to experience your presence as  
good news,  
and help us to respond by sharing that good news in word and action,  
that others may know the wonder of your love. Amen.



*Ian Howarth, Birmingham District Chair*

**Minister:** Rev'd Duncan MacBean (Day off - Friday)



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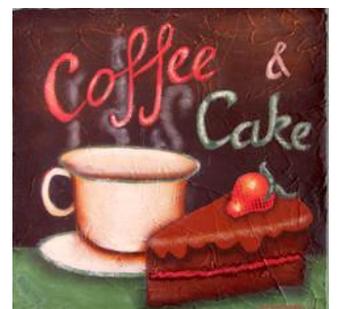
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Please note that the church office will be closed on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February, reopening on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February. Any queries should be directed to Duncan during this time.

**Coffee & Cakel!**

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February is coffee and cake afternoon for the Knitted Bible exhibition. Posters advertising this have been sent to churches in the circuit and further afield, so we are hopeful of a good turnout. If you can contribute cakes or biscuits for this event, please contact Sue Cope on 020 8309 7818. Thank you!



Please take this notice  
sheet home with you

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am  
Preacher: Mr John Sennett

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**INTRODUCTION – LIGHT – GENESIS**

**FIRST HYMN:**                7 God who made the stars of heaven

**CHILDREN'S ADDRESS**

**PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

**SECOND HYMN:**            482 There is no moment

**FIRST READING:**        Psalm 139

### **The Inescapable God**

To the leader. Of David. A Psalm.

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

    you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down,

    and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue,

    O LORD, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before,

    and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

    it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit?

    Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there;

    if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning

    and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

even there your hand shall lead me,

    and your right hand shall hold me fast.

If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night',  
even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.

**THIRD HYMN:**                    326 Jesus comes with all his grace

**SECOND READING:**     John 1: 1-13

### **The Gospel According to John The Word Became Flesh**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

**SERMON**                            The true light...was coming into the world

**FOURTH HYMN:**                706 Longing for light

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**OFFERTORY**

**FINAL HYMN:**                    663 I the Lord of sea and sky

**BENEDICTION**

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**Next Service: Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February, Rev'd Duncan MacBean**

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The flowers for today's service have been provided by Lynda Smith. Many thanks.

**MONDAY FOCUS:** For the meeting this week we will be having a hot lunch, priced at £8.50pp. Please book with Rosemary on the number below. Details of the spring programme 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 18<sup>th</sup> February – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. The exhibition is suitable for all ages and our local schools are being invited to visit during the second week. If you are able to help steward we still have a couple of slots to fill, please contact Ruth Dawe. Leaflets about the event are on the piano, please take one and pass it 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 8<sup>th</sup> Apr). They are planning to hold auditions on Tues 11<sup>th</sup> 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 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. Elaine Battarbee.



**ANNIVERSARY PHOTO GALLERY:** It has been suggested that, as part of our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, we should produce a photo gallery of people who have worshipped here over the years. If you can contribute any photographs (which of course will be returned) please put them in the box in the office marked Photo Gallery or hand them to Elaine Battarbee. Please write on the back of your picture your own name and the name of the person(s) in the photograph. Please note the photos may be used on social media & the church website as well as around the building.

**COOPERS SCHOOL HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY – THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> 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 thought provoking evening.

**NEW PREACHING PLAN:** The preaching plan for the next quarter is on the piano – please take a copy!

**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.

**UNITED SERVICE** Over 60 people attended the Churches Together United Service on Sunday and heard a most interesting talk about Transforming Lives for Good. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to worship together. Many thanks to Christ Church for hosting.

**THURSDAY SERVICES:** The next Thursday Service will be on 20<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 1<sup>st</sup> March.

### **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

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Knitted Bible Coffee & Cake afternoon

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March - World Day of Prayer

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April - Good Friday - Walk of Witness, 9.30am from CMC

### **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, at 1.30pm on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

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, Kath Carpenter and Joan Clements.

Birthdays this month: Aubrey and special congratulations to Monica Faux who was 90 on 4<sup>th</sup> 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 the Ichthus Christian Fellowship.

