



Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
**Chislehurst Methodist Church**

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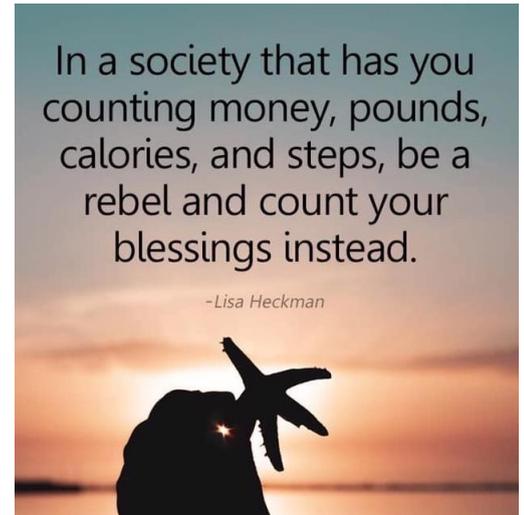
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**Prayer for the week**

Be to us, O Lord Jesus Christ, the table that is set  
for all,  
the light that shines from your saints and the joy  
prepared for your people;  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

*Symeon the New Theologian (949-1022).*



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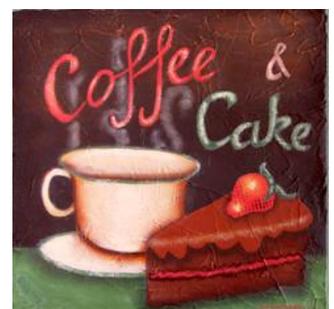


Please note that the church office is now closed, reopening on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February.  
Any queries should be directed to Duncan during this time.

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**Coffee & Cake!!**

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 16<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am  
Preacher: Rev'd Duncan MacBean

## WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

**FIRST HYMN:** 9 Hail! Holy, holy, holy Lord

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 119: 1-8 (responsive)

## PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**SECOND HYMN:** 501 Help us, O Lord, to learn

**FIRST READING:** 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9

### **On Divisions in the Corinthian Church**

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

**SECOND READING:** Matthew 5: 21-37

### **Concerning Anger**

'You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement." But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool", you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

### **Concerning Adultery**

'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

### **Concerning Divorce**

'It was also said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce." But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

### **Concerning Oaths**

'Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord." But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be "Yes, Yes" or "No, No"; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

**THIRD HYMN:                    504 May the mind of Christ my saviour**

### **SERMON**

**FOURTH HYMN:                137 New every morning is the love (men v 3, women v 4)**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**FINAL HYMN:                 713 Show me how to stand for justice**

### **BENEDICTION**

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**Next Service: Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, Mrs Heather Williams**

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The flowers for today's service are in memory of Les Giles, whose funeral will be held here tomorrow.

**MONDAY FOCUS:** There will be no Monday Focus this week due to Les Giles' funeral.

**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!

**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.



**150<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION SERVICE:** We are looking for suggestions of any stand out members of the church, who have subsequently moved away, but that may like to join us for the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Service and Lunch on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020. If you can think of anyone who fits the bill, please pass names and contact details (if you have them) to Sarah in the office. We will aim to invite a few fond faces for this special event!

**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!



**ANNIVERSARY PHOTO GALLERY:** It has been suggested that, as part of our 150th 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.

**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.

**WALKING FRAME:** We now have a 3-wheeled walking frame (with the wheelchairs in the welcome area) if you would like to take it away to use it, please inform the Sarah or Lynton. Thank you.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> March.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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 St Mary's Church.

