



Sunday 23rd February 2020
Chislehurst Methodist Church

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Prayer for the week

Gracious God, whose loving kindness has no limits, teach us afresh the way of Christ.

Where we have felt discouraged, renew us through signs of hope;

where we have been tempted to give up, grant us strength and faith to face the day;

where we have grown anxious about the future, give us courage to plant the seeds of tomorrow in acts of radical love today.

Renew us by your Spirit and set us free to serve you so that the whole of creation may rejoice in your name. Amen.



Richard Andrew, Darlington District Chair

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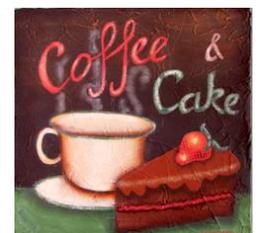
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Please note that the church office is now closed, reopening on Tuesday 25th February.
Any queries should be directed to Duncan during this time.

Coffee & Cake!!

Today is Coffee & Cake afternoon for Knitted Bible exhibition, from 12.30pm. We hope that you'll all be able to join us!



Sunday 23rd February at 10.30am
Preacher: Mrs Heather Williams

Please take this notice
sheet home with you

WELCOME

FIRST HYMN: 81 Now thank we all our God

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

SECOND HYMN: 254 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

PSALM 99

FIRST READING: Exodus 24: 1-18

The Blood of the Covenant

Then he said to Moses, 'Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship at a distance. Moses alone shall come near the LORD; but the others shall not come near, and the people shall not come up with him.'

Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, 'All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.' And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and set up twelve pillars, corresponding to the twelve tribes of Israel. He sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt-offerings and sacrificed oxen as offerings of well-being to the LORD. Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he dashed against the altar. Then he took the book of the covenant, and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, 'All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.' Moses took the blood and dashed it on the people, and said, 'See the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.'

On the Mountain with God

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. Under his feet there was something like a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. God did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; also they beheld God, and they ate and drank.

The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up

into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights

THIRD HYMN: 11 Holy, holy, holy

SECOND READING: Matthew 17: 1-9

The Transfiguration

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING

FOURTH HYMN: 707 Make me a channel of your Peace

SERMON

FINAL HYMN: 53 How shall I sing that majesty

BLESSING

**Take us and use us
to love and serve you, and all people,
in the power of your Spirit
and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Next Service: Sunday 1st March, Rev'd Janet Verrier

MONDAY FOCUS: For details of this weeks' activities, please contact Rosemary on 07791 603 668.

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. Elaine Battarbee.



150th 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 150th Celebration Service and Lunch on 11th 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.

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 5th March 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 1st & 8th March.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 18th February - Tuesday 3rd March - Knitted Bible Exhibition
Sunday 23rd February - **TODAY!** - Knitted Bible Coffee & Cake afternoon
Friday 6th March - World Day of Prayer
Sunday 15th March - Church AGM, 12.00-12.30pm, in the church
Friday 10th April - Good Friday - Walk of Witness, 9.30am from CMC

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, Kath Carpenter and Joan Clements.

Birthdays this month: Aubrey and special congratulations to Monica Faux who was 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 St Patrick's Church.

