

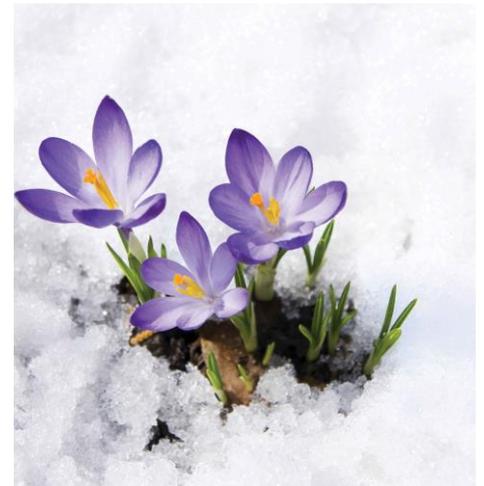


Sunday 1st March 2020
Chislehurst Methodist Church
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Prayer for the week

Eternal beauty, who came in Christ and is present by your Spirit, we praise you for the love that birthed creation and thank you that we can never exhaust the goodness of your gifts. Enable us to hear your call and to respond to your prompting, that our hands may be the hands of your Son, Jesus Christ, and our lives become a perfect offering through your blessed Spirit.



May we flourish with your creation as we work with your grace for the good of all you have made. Amen.

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Prayer Meeting after service TODAY

There will be a prayer meeting for Christian Solidarity Worldwide after the service today, all are welcome!



Please take this notice
sheet home with you

Sunday 1st March at 10.30am
Preacher: Rev'd Janet Verrier

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 32

FIRST HYMN: 28 Jesus calls us here to meet Him

PRAYER OF THANKS AND PRAISE

CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

SECOND HYMN: 238 Lead us Heavenly Father lead us

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LORD'S PRAYER (Sung)

FIRST READING: Genesis 2: 15-17

Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to farm the land and to take care of it. The Lord God commanded the man. He said, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden. But you must never eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil because when you eat from it, you will certainly die."

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD

SECOND READING: Matthew 4: 1-11

The Temptation of Jesus

Then the Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Jesus did not eat anything for 40 days and 40 nights. At the end of that time, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread." Jesus answered, "Scripture says, 'A person cannot live on bread alone but on every word that God speaks.'" Then the devil took him into the holy city and had him stand on the highest part of the temple. He said to Jesus, "If you are the Son of God, jump! Scripture says, 'He will put his angels in charge of you. They will carry you in their hands so that you never hit your foot against a rock.'" Jesus said to him, "Again, Scripture says, 'Never tempt the Lord your God.'" Once more the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms in the world and their glory. The devil said to him, "I will give you all this if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Go away, Satan! Scripture says, 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and angels came to take care of him.

This is the Gospel of Christ

PRAISE TO CHRIST OUR LORD

REFLECTION

THIRD HYMN: 434 Rock of Ages cleft for me

SERMON

PRAYERS OF COMMITMENT AND INTERCESSION

OFFERING AND PRAYER

COMMUNION – MWB 153-159

FINAL HYMN: 634 Fight the good fight with all your might

BLESSING

Next Service: Sunday 8th March, Mr John Sennett

TRAIDCRAFT:



The new Spring/Summer edition of the Traidcraft catalogue is now available, with some lovely new items for Easter and beyond.

Sharon will be running her Traidcraft stall after the service today so do have a look!

MONDAY FOCUS: This week's meeting will be a service and sandwich lunch, starting at the usual time of 1pm in the Wesley room. For more information 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 this **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!

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 please inform 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 today and 8th March.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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: Tayla

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 Churches Together Council.



The next Messy Church is on Saturday 14th March, 4-6pm. We will be exploring Palm Sunday. All are welcome!

