



Sunday 8th March 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.

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Sunday 8th March at 10.30am
Preacher: Mr John Sennett

**Please take this notice
sheet home with you**

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP:

FIRST HYMN: 499 Great God your love

CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

SECOND HYMN: 477 Teach me to dance

PRAYERS ADORATION AND CONFESSION

FIRST READING: Genesis 12: 1-4a

The Call of Abram

Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

THIRD HYMN: 439 Abba Father

SECOND READING: John 3: 1-17

Nicodemus Visits Jesus

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as

Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

SERMON

REFLECTION **636 O love that will not let me go – said slowly together (quiet Music)**

FOURTH HYMN: **566 Take my life**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

FINAL HYMN: **550 Forth in thy name I go**

PRAYER AND BLESSING

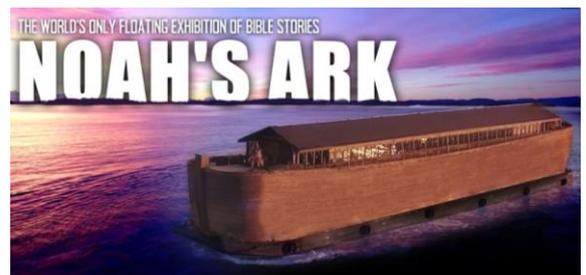
Next Service: Sunday 15th March, Mrs Heather Williams, All Age Worship

The flowers in church today have been provided by Sharon Michaelides, many thanks.

MONDAY FOCUS: This week's meeting will be a hot lunch, starting at the usual time of 1pm in the Wesley room. To book please contact Rosemary on 07791 603 668.

A FLOATING EXHIBITION:

The knitted Bible exhibition of Bible stories has amazed us all! The display has now moved on to another venue, but hundreds of people enjoyed seeing it here. Now we have heard about a floating exhibition of Bible stories. A half-sized replica of Noah's Ark, 70m long, is moored in Ipswich until the end of March. This museum ship covers 2,000m², on 4 floors, and contains wooden sculptures telling some of the most popular Bible stories. Highly recommended by the Adekola family! See www.arkmuseum.eu for more details.



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 19th 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: Worship is held here two Sundays a month, the next dates are the 8th and 22nd March.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

Lynda Smith's granddaughter, for whom prayers were said last week, is now out of hospital and recuperating at home.

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 Nicholas Church.



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

