



Sunday 15th March 2020
Chislehurst Methodist Church
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Prayer for the week

Sovereign God, you are our light and our salvation, to you be glory and praise for ever.

We thank you for the Cross and the wonder of Christ's love for us: he is the light of the world.

Anoint us with your Spirit as you call us into your marvellous light.

May our lives bear witness to your truth and our lips proclaim your praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.



Steven Wild, Cornwall District Chair

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Church AGM after the service TODAY!
12.00 - 12.30pm, in the church.

**ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING**

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

**Sunday 15th March at 10.30am
Preacher: Mrs Joan Mayes**

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

FIRST HYMN 346 O for a thousand tongues to sing (v 1-5 only)

PRAYERS ADORATION AND CONFESSION

VIDEO Luke 2: 39-52 - Jesus in the Temple

SECOND HYMN 61 Our God is a great big God (sung twice)

READING 1 Kings 17: 10-16

The Widow of Zarephath

When he Elijah came to the gate of Zarephath a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, 'Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.' As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, 'Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.' But she said, 'As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.' Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.' She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

THIRD HYMN 409 Let us build a house where love can dwell

TALK Mark 6: 35-44 – Jesus feeds the multitude

FOURTH HYMN: 59 Lord the light of your love is shining

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

FINAL HYMN: 263 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

BLESSING

Next Service: Sunday 22nd March, Rev'd Terry Wright

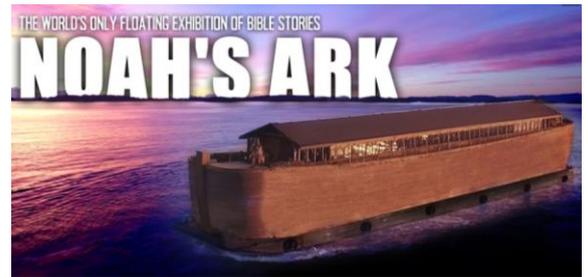
MONDAY FOCUS: There will be **no Monday Focus now until after Easter**, for further information please contact Rosemary on 07791 603 668.

GIFT AID: If the Church has a signed Gift Aid form for you and you have changed your address in the last 12 months, could you please let me know the new details by the end of March. Similarly, if your tax status has changed I need to know that before filling in The Form sometime after the end of this current tax year. Bear in mind that Gift Aid is a *repayment* to the church of tax which you have already paid. You may have several Gift Aided subscriptions to different organisations, so this is perhaps a good time of year to do some sums. Gillian Beecher Bryant, Gift Aid Secretary 020 8467 6906

BEECHMORE COURT CARE HOME, Bexley are looking for someone to might like to occasionally come and facilitate knit and natter with some of their residents, if anyone is interested in helping please contact the church office to be put in touch with the activities co-ordinator.

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.



STEWARDS FOR NEEDED FOR THE CHISLEHURST HALF MARATHON: Every year, The Maypole Project benefits from a generous donation from the Chislehurst Half Marathon. To be eligible for this donation we need to provide 50 volunteers on the day to help marshal the race route. *Could you give a few hours and join our fantastic volunteer team?* This year the race takes place on Sunday 17th May and volunteers are needed between 8am and 1pm. You will be helping to marshal the race route and cheer runners on. No experience is necessary as we will give you a full briefing at the start of the event.

If you are able to help, please contact: volunteer@themaypoleproject.co.uk

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!

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.

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 22nd March and 5th April.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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, Joan Clements and Ken Chapman.

Lynda Smith's granddaughter, for whom prayers were said two weeks ago, 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 George's Church, Bickley.