



Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021  
**Chislehurst Methodist Church**  
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Prayers for the week

Be a bright flame before us, O God, a guiding star above us, a smooth path below us and a loving shepherd behind us, each day and each night, now and for ever. Amen.

*Columba of Iona (521-597)*



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The **Mabomboh Charity** are holding a **Cultural Evening** on 6<sup>th</sup> November at St Andrews Church Hall in Mottingham. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for more details or speak to Evelyn Maclean. Tickets can be booked online here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mabomboh-cultural-evening-fundraiser-tickets-185733773717>

Please take this notice  
sheet home with you

## Order of Service

**Preacher: Rev'd Terry Wright**

Welcome

Call to Worship Psalm

First Hymn: 59 Lord the light of your love is shining

Opening Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Introduction *A Season of remembering*

Second Hymn: 745 For all the saints

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6: 1-9

Second Reading: Mark 12: 38-34

Third Hymn: 395 Spirit of The living God

Sermon – A Vital Question

Fourth Hymn: 254 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Prayers of Intercession

Final Hymn: 748 Glorious things of thee are spoken

Blessing

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Next Service: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November, Rev'd Duncan MacBean  
*Church Anniversary and Gift Day (gift day letters are available on the piano)*

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## NOTICES

### **Decorations for the Church Christmas Tree**

This year we are planning to use the large quantity of baubles which have been in the loft for some years, so due for RE-USING. In addition, we will have some simple hand-made PAPER decorations hopefully made from used paper which will later be RECYCLED. There are sets of instructions for these decorations and some examples on the piano in the church – do please help yourself to a packet and have a go. **Your finished decorations must be in the office by Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November.** Contact me if helpful – Gillian Beecher Bryant ☎ 020 8467 6906 or

📧 [beecherbryant@btinternet.com](mailto:beecherbryant@btinternet.com)

### **Carol Singing this Christmas**

I have just heard from The Glades that (restrictions permitting) they will be having carol singing there this year. Unfortunately, it will not be possible for me to be involved but if anyone would like to apply for a slot, to raise funds for **Action for Children or for any other registered charity**, please let me know and I will forward the application details to you. Please note that the closing date for applications is Friday, 5th November. We usually collect around £500 in a couple of hours.

Thank you. Christine - cpott7@gmail.com

### **Monday Focus**

Monday Focus will be meeting in the Wesley room at the usual time of 12.45 onwards. This week Rev'd Terry Wright will be joining us and there will be a sandwich lunch and refreshments. New people are always welcome! Rosemary Hughes, 07791 603 668.

### **Christmas Market – Churches Together Stall**

Our programme for the Churches Together Christmas Market has now been finalised and is as follows: 10.30am set up, 11am Market opens (we will be giving out our Christmas leaflet, plus 'Why Christmas' booklets and other tracts as applicable. We will also be making Christingles with children during this time.), 3-4pm carol singing and asking folk to join in, 6pm Dismantling. We will need the following help: To set up, To help with Christingle making throughout the day. If you can do an hour shift please contact me, People to give out leaflets and engage the public in conversation, Singing carols and/or play a musical instrument between 3-4pm or part of the hour, Dismantling. Please contact Judith West at [jude161@hotmail.com](mailto:jude161@hotmail.com) Thank you so much. We are looking forward to sharing with people about the true meaning of Christmas.

## Tea and Coffee Rota

There is a sign-up sheet outside the kitchen, please do put your name down if you are able to help.

## Thursday Lunchtime Services

The next service will be on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November. These services will continue on Zoom for the time being, contact details will be sent out in due course.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November – lunchtime service via Zoom
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Safeguarding Training, Petts Wood Methodist Church – See blue noticeboard for more details
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 10am – Christmas Decorations Meeting (in church)
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November – lunchtime service via Zoom

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### JUNIOR CHURCH DATES AND THEMES

November 7th	Celebration of the Church Anniversary
November 21st	Pre-Christmas Baking (Decorations)
December 5th	Christmas Crafts/ Activities
December 19th	Nativity Celebration

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### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

We keep in our thoughts and prayers the van Teutem family on the recent death of Arend's mother in Portugal. Those of our church community who are unwell or who have need for our prayers: Veronica Crowther; Samuel and Tsion who have family members in the very dangerous Tigray province of Ethiopia; Janet Verrier's son Christopher who is recovering after a motorcycle accident in South Africa; Lynda Smith's granddaughter Emma and her family; Pam Wallace and Myrtle and Neill Truman.

All our friends who are in care homes, particularly Pam Giles, Joan Clements and Ken Chapman.

As part of the fellowship of Churches Together in Chislehurst and Bickley; this week we pray for Christ Church.

