



Sunday 5th December 2021
Chislehurst Methodist Church

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Prayers for the week

Eternal Light, shine in our hearts.
Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.
Eternal Power, be our support.
Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of
our ignorance.
Eternal Pity, have mercy on us; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Order of Service

Preacher: Rev'd Duncan MacBean

Welcome

Advent Candle liturgy and lighting Ceremony

Advent Hymn: *165 Advent Candles tell their story*

Opening prayer

Second Hymn: *174 Light a candle in a darkened place*

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Second Reading: Luke 3:1-6

Third Hymn: *667 O Watcher in the wilderness*

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

Fourth Hymn: *508 Purify my heart*

Communion: MWB pgs 123 – 128 (*18, *21, *22, *23, *25, *30)

Final Hymn: *672 Where can we find you, Lord Jesus our master?*

Blessing

Next Service: Sunday 12th December, Mrs Pat Woodison

NOTICES

Departure of Rev Terry Wright

Although Rev Terry Wright does not preach at Chislehurst often, when he is with us, his services are much appreciated. You will be sorry to learn that he will be leaving the Circuit at the end of December 2021, to pursue a long held calling to Army Chaplaincy. The selection process has been long and it is only in the past week that all the checks have been completed. There is to be a Circuit farewell for him. Currently this is to be confirmed, but expected to be at Orpington Methodist Church on Saturday 18th December. Duncan would like to arrange a farewell gift. Given the short notice and regulations regarding gifts to departing staff, Duncan is suggesting on this occasion cash is probably the more appropriate arrangement. I recommend that if you would like to contribute, place your gift marked for Terry Wright in an envelope, addressed to Joan Mayes, who will collect the envelopes and pass the contents to Duncan, as he is collating gifts from all the churches. Joan Mayes – on behalf of the stewards.

Monday Focus

On the 6th December Monday Focus will be holding a short advent celebration with communion led by Rev Duncan MacBean. We shall meet in the church sanctuary followed by food and refreshments in the Wesley Room. At the usual time of 12.45 pm cost £5 pp. All are welcome. Rosemary Hughes: 07791 603 668.

Sugar Plum – a Nutcracker Panto

We have notice that the New Eltham Community Productions are hoping to perform “Sugar Plum - A Nutcracker Panto” at New Eltham Methodist Church in January. Matinees will be on the 8th and the 15th at 2.30 p.m. and some seats are being held for us on the 8th. Please let me know if you would be interested in ordering a ticket. The price is £10.00 per seat. Elaine Battarbee: 07963 869 198.

Thursday Lunchtime Services

The next lunchtime service will be on Thursday 16th December, zoom details will be sent out in due course.

Tea and Coffee Rota

The tea and coffee sign-up sheet for the next quarter is now available outside the kitchen. Please do sign up if you are able to help.

Preaching Plans

Preaching plans for the next quarter are available on the piano.

JUNIOR CHURCH DATES

December 5th	Pre-Christmas Decorations
December 12th	Nativity Baking

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Christopher and I would like to thank everyone for your prayers over the past two and a half months. Christopher is much better and the neurologist is very pleased with his recovery. Thank you so much for having Christopher on the prayer list for all these weeks, Janet Verrier.

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; Lynda Smith's granddaughter Emma and her family; Linda Holton (Sarah's mother, who is awaiting an operation), 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 the Churches Together Committee.

