



Sunday 12th December 2021
Chislehurst Methodist Church

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Prayers for the week

Lord, every time the tide is high and the gales blow in, we remember you stilled the storm. Bless those surrounded by the sea, with their lives dictated by tides, their goods and produce dependent on ships finding safe harbour.

Every time the tractor ploughs the field and the picker gathers the crop, we remember you sow seeds of life. Bless those surrounded by agriculture, with their lives dictated by the seasons, their goods and produce dependent on the weather and the land.

Every time we see a plane in flight and turn our heads to the sky, we remember you made us your children. Bless those who fly, with their lives dictated by the winds and fog, our goods and produce flying through the heavens to find their way to our homes. Amen.

Dawn Saunders, Channel Islands District Chair



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Order of Service

Preacher: Mrs Pat Woodison

Welcome

Advent Candle liturgy and lighting Ceremony

Advent Hymn: 165 *Advent Candles tell their story*

Call to Worship

Second Hymn: 178 *Long ago, prophets knew*

Gathering Prayer

Children's Address

Third Hymn: 207 *Jesus is the heart of Christmas*

Children leave

Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-11

Reflection 1

Fourth Hymn: 181 *Of the Father's love begotten*

Second Reading: Luke 3: 2-16

Reflection 2

Fifth Hymn: 255 *The kingdom of God*

Third Reading: 2 Peter 3, 1-4 and 8-15

Reflection 3

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Final Hymn: 692 *Your hand O God has guided*

Blessing

Next Service: Sunday 19th December, Rev'd Duncan MacBean, Carol Service

NOTICES

Plan B Requirements

From Friday 10 December, **face coverings will become compulsory** in most public indoor venues, such as cinemas, theatres and **places of worship**. There will be exemptions in venues where it is not practical to wear one, such as when you are eating, drinking or exercising. For that reason, face masks will not be required in hospitality settings.

Everyone should test using a lateral flow device, particularly before entering a high-risk setting involving people you wouldn't normally come into contact with, or when visiting a vulnerable person. Lateral flow devices remain free of charge and can be collected from local pharmacies.

Departure of Rev Terry Wright

The farewell event for Terry will be at Orpington Methodist Church on Saturday 18th December, from 4:30pm to about 6pm. There will be a short service, followed by refreshments.

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. 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

This week is the Monday Focus Christmas lunch (cost £10 pp) at the Seven Stars Pub Fooths Cray High St, Fooths Cray, Sidcup, DA14 5HJ (starting at 12.15 pm). If you have booked a place and you wish to have a lift, please can you meet in the church car park at 11.30 am. Contact: Rosemary Hughes 07791 603 668

Pantomime Tickets

New Eltham Methodist Church: Saturday 8th January at 2.30 p.m. The tickets are now available – we have a block right at the front of the hall. Please collect yours from Elaine and make your payment. The price is £10.00 per seat and payment can be made by cash or with a cheque made payable to New Eltham Community Productions. The seating in the hall has been reduced to allow for greater spacing of the rows and everyone will be required to wear a mask.

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 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 St Nicholas Church.

