



Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
**Chislehurst Methodist Church**

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**Prayers for the week**

Loving God, my shield and hiding place,  
give me the courage to come from behind the shield,  
give me the faith to leave my hiding place,  
so that I might be willing to go into every place:  
places of tears and trauma, places of disillusion and  
despair  
as well as places of fun and fulfilment.  
Displace my complacency and replace it with a spirit  
of boldness.



May I serve you till in heaven I take my place.  
Until then, I place into your hands the things I should do, safe in the  
knowledge that you are my abiding place,  
my dwelling place and my resting place. Amen.

*Paul Martin, Bolton and Rochdale District Chair (inspired by Psalm 8)*

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## Order of Service

**Preacher: Deacon Maureen Spinks**

Call to Worship

First Hymn                      *28 Jesus calls us (verses 1-3)*

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Second Hymn                  *231 The silent stars*

First Reading                 *Luke 3: 15-17,21-22*

Second Reading              *Acts 8: 14-17*

Third Hymn                    *233 When Jesus came*

Sermon

Fourth Hymn                  *399 When deep despair*

Prayers of Intercession

Final Hymn                    *391 O breath of life*

Benediction

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Next Service: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January, Mrs Julie Gardner

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## NOTICES

### Monday Focus

There will be a Monday Focus Meeting this week led by Rev Duncan MacBean in the Wesley Room at the usual time of 12.45 pm onwards. The theme will be welcome to 2022. There will be a sandwich lunch and refreshments. Cost £5pp. There will be the full Covid guidance in place. All welcome. Rosemary 07791 603 668.

### Thursday Lunchtime Services

The next lunchtime service will be on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January, zoom details will be sent out in due course.

### Tea and Coffee Rota

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

### Junior Church Dates

Sunday 9th January – CANCELLED, Sunday 23rd January, Sunday 6th February Sunday 27th February. *\*please note that due to current circumstances these dates are subject to change so do keep an eye on the notice sheets and emails for changes*

## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Shortly before Christmas, the sad news of the death of Ken Chapman was announced in church, we remember Ken and his family in our prayers.

Those of our church community who are unwell or who have need for our prayers: Alfie Watt (Sue & Lynton's grandson), 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), Pam Wallace and Myrtle and Neill Truman, Neill is in the PRUH following a fall at home.

All our friends who are in care homes, particularly Pam Giles (who is well and would welcome phone calls) and Joan Clements.

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



## The day Archbishop Desmond Tutu came to Whetstone, by Rosemary Hughes

Having just heard about the death of Archbishop Desmond Tutu at the age of ninety in his own home, surrounded by his family, I wish to share some memories of meeting this extraordinary man.

Colin and I were very fortunate to meet Archbishop Tutu when he came to preach at the Parish church of St John's the Apostle, Whetstone, in the London Borough of Barnet. Archbishop Tutu knew the area well, as he had been a Curate in the late 1950s/early 1960s at the Parish Church, Golders Green.

The date was Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2008. He was invited by a religious community of Anglican nuns based in Grahamstown, South Africa who had their London Headquarters at St Peter's the Bourne, Oakleigh Road, Whetstone, a few roads away from our home. As Colin and I went to the local Church of England Church we naturally wished to be present at to see and hear the Archbishop speak.

About 180 people packed the church to see and listen to him. He spoke of his admiration of the work done by the Anglican Church in South Africa.

Traffic was held up for a while when he crossed the road of the High Street near our local B & Q store in his familiar purple flowing cassock followed by an entourage of followers from the service. Some of the drivers pulled over to shake the great man's hand.

We then went to an afternoon tea after the service. Rev Desmond Tutu spoke to about 50 of us about his work in Israel/Palestine and how he called for a boycott of Israel because of their treatment of the Palestinians. His amazing humour was also there for all of us to share. One of his jokes was as follows - 'When the Christian missionaries came to Africa they brought the Bible but we had the land. They said 'let us pray'. When we opened our eyes – they had the land and we had the Bible'!

We felt very privileged to have met this amazing Christian. Heaven will be a richer place for having him there. He was surely one of God's angels on earth.

### **We are prisoners of hope**

**By Archbishop Desmond Tutu:**

Lord, through your servant Paul

You have taught us to travel on

In the spirit of Abraham,

even when hope seems to be hopeless.

Constrained by your spirit never to despair,

Help us, help all those who pray for justice,

to yearn and speak and act

that your longed-for future may dawn. Amen