



Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
**Chislehurst Methodist Church**

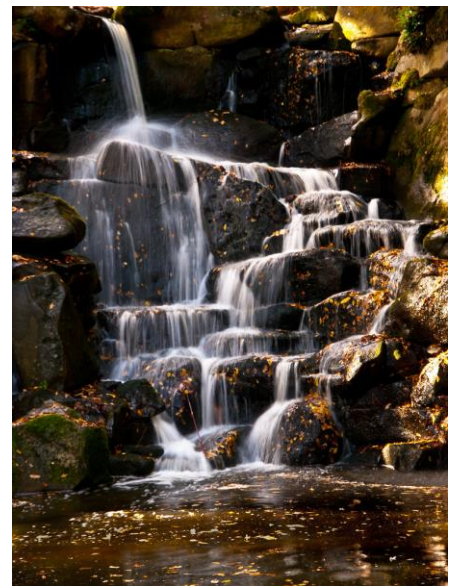
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Prayers for the week

Life-giving God, in whose presence there is an abundance of hope and a plenitude of grace, grant that we may build communities of hospitality where bread is shared, forgiveness offered and justice proclaimed. And so, as our life together is shaped by your love, give us the grace to welcome all our companions to the feast of your kingdom, that there may be joy everlasting in heaven. Amen.

*Julian Pursehouse, East Anglia District Chair*



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## Order of Service

Preacher: Mrs Julie Gardner

Call to worship

First Hymn: 94 *To God be the glory*

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Second Hymn: 471 *Lord I come to you*

First Reading: John 2: 1-11

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Third Hymn: 20 *Be still for the presence of the Lord*

Sermon

Fourth Hymn: 664 *Lord you call us to your service*

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Final Hymn: 608 *All praise to our redeeming Lord*

Benediction

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Next Service: Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, Rev'd Janet Verrier

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## NOTICES

### **Monday Focus**

Monday Focus tomorrow (17th January) is to be a hot lunch, in the Wesley Room starting at the usual time of 12.45pm. Cost £10 pp. All are very 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 23rd January, Sunday 6th February Sunday 27th February. We would love to see more children coming along!

*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**

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 Ichthus Christian Fellowship.



## 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