



Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
**Chislehurst Methodist Church**

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**Prayer for the week**

Gracious God, we pray for a vision for your Church in the present age, that we may be communities of good news, rooted and grounded in the love of Jesus.



Open us out to the movement of your Holy Spirit, so that our worship is a heartfelt response to the Spirit's

love, and we are empowered to live out Our Calling with confidence and grace.

Help us to focus on the things that really matter to you and to your people, so that we may be signs and agents of your kingdom.

*Ian Howarth, Birmingham District Chair*

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**Preacher: Rev'd Duncan MacBean**  
**Order of Service**

Welcome

First Hymn: 556 *Just as I am*

Prayers

First Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

*A New Covenant*

*The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.*

Second Reading: John 13: 1-17

*Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet*

*Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also*

*ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.*

Sermon

Second Hymn: 557 *Let him to whom we now belong*

Act of Covenant

Third Hymn: 549 *Come, let us use the grace divine*

Act of Covenant (*continued*)

The Peace

Fourth Hymn: 579 *Come, Holy Ghost*

Communion

Final Hymn: 545 *Be thou my vision*

Benediction

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Next Service: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January - 10.30am, Mr Ralph Brandhorst

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## NOTICES

**Hats for the Homeless** – the Knit and Knatter Christmas tree has been dismantled and delivered to the Whitechapel mission. Here is a picture from Whitechapel mission and a thank you note. The lady in the centre of picture is Sue. She supported the vision of her husband Tony to bring this Mission to birth and he was rewarded by QE2 with an OBE. They have brought up a family living here in a side street in Whitechapel. Not everyone's ideal family home. Since Covid-19 all breakfasts are free for the homeless (some of whom are ex-servicemen.) There is an opportunity for a good wash/shower, a change of clothes on certain days and a haircut from Ramesh who is also a kitchen manager and a Muslim. WCM accepts volunteers from all faiths or none as long as you are willing to work early mornings and give the homeless people the experience of choice and some respect. They were so grateful for the hats, scarves and chocolate...shall we do it again?!? Sue Cope x



*Dear Susan,*

*Please accept and pass on our grateful thanks for the kind donation of hats, chocolates, scarves and coat which will be used for the Mission's work of providing the daily support for those sleeping rough in London or rely upon our support. We continue to offer our essential services (350,000 free meals served during the pandemic). Our response balances the consideration that our guests are highly vulnerable to many challenges. We are seeing new faces, with new worries — people who are desperately in need of the food, shelter, advice and hope offered at The Whitechapel Mission. On behalf of everybody here at The Whitechapel Mission, thank you for your support. With your support we are able to continue delivering life changing services to vulnerable people of London, drawing on our many years of experience. We remain open and serving.*

*Cathy Ladlow, on behalf of Whitechapel Mission*

**Monday Focus** wishes everyone a Happy New Year and invites you to join our weekly meeting to share Christian topics, hospitality, food and friendships. This week will be led by Rev'd Duncan MacBean who will be sharing a New Year's reflection and talk. There will be a sandwich lunch with other refreshments in the Wesley Room from 12.45pm onwards. Cost £5pp. All are welcome! Rosemary Hughes: 07791 603 668.

### **Warm Space and Play Café at Orpington Methodist Church**

OMC is opening as a warm space every Wednesday from 11th January 2023. There is also a Play Café on Tuesdays during term time (1:30-3pm) which is also doubling up as a warm space option. For more details please see the posters on the blue noticeboard.

### **Weekly Collection**

The Collection will be blessed during the service but will not be brought up to the front during the service. Main reason for this is that many people now give regularly by standing orders. Stewards on duty will mention the decision at the start of each service.

### **WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

Those of our church community who are unwell or who have need for our prayers: Roland Beecher Bryant who is being well looked after in the stroke unit at the PRUH, Kathryn Paszylk, Barbara Herriot, John Iles (Peter's father), Veronica Crowther, Pam Wallace and Myrtle and Neill Truman.

All our friends who are in care homes, particularly Joan Clements.

As part of the fellowship of Churches Together in Chislehurst and Bickley; this week we pray for St George's Church, Bickley.

