



Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
**Chislehurst Methodist Church**

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**Prayer for the week**

Dear Father God,  
Your endless love flows over all the world.  
Open hearts and minds to receive the blessings of your grace,  
and lead us through the light to everlasting life,  
when we accept salvation through the death of your only son Jesus  
Christ.

May our love for you be reflected in the way we live our lives,  
ever following in his way.

May all your people be filled afresh with the Holy Spirit,  
to seek to live in harmony and service,  
through a knowledge of your love.

Focus our lives to look outwards,  
so that your Church continues to grow your mission of love,  
ever trusting in your strength.

In Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

*Derek Jackson, Göcek Church, Turkey, and Teignmouth Methodist  
Church, Teignbridge*

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sheet home with you

**Preacher: Mr Ralph Brandhorst**  
**Order of Service**

Welcome

Call to Worship

First Hymn                      228 *Hail to the Lord's anointed*

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Reading:                      John 1: 29 – 42

*John Testifies About Jesus*

*The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel." Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One." The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).*

Second Hymn                      254 *Seek ye first the kingdom of God*

Commentary

Third Hymn:                      233 *When Jesus came to Jordan*

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Final Hymn                      690 *The church's one foundation*

Blessing

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Next Service: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January - 10.30am, Mrs Julie Gardner

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## NOTICES

### **Monday Focus**

There will be a Hot lunch this Monday at the usual cost of £10 pp in the Wesley Room. The meeting starts at 12.45pm. Please do bring some items for the bring and buys stall which is in aid of Monday Focus funds. Looking forward to seeing you then. Rosemary: 07791 603 668.

### **Outing to Wesley's Chapel**

There is to be a trip to Wesley's Chapel, City Road on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March leaving by coach from the Church car park at 9.30 am. Returning by 4.30pm. Cost £25pp for the coach and a guided tour of John Wesley's Chapel/his home and the museum.

### **Methodist Prayer Manuals**

There appears to have been a low demand for the current issue. In case this is a fair comment I have obtained a dozen copies of this excellent edition. For any one unfamiliar with the booklet it comprises some prayers on general themes, in the central pages lists of relevant Bible readings and for its main use, prayers covering on the lefthand pages petitionary prayers for Methodist work internationally and on the righthand one, prayers for each U.K. District thus giving users a “world tour” of Methodism which users can repeat each month. The importance of personal prayer cannot be exaggerated: it is not enough to depend on the person leading worship on Sundays. Members of organisations working for Christ always say, “Everything we do depends on prayer”. CSW, for example holds a 10 O clock prayer meeting every day at its H.Q in New Malden. I have used the manual for many years. There are a dozen copies on the piano. Please take one if you think you would use it. They are free, but when they are all taken others can be purchased through Sarah.

### **Mabomboh Education Project**

It is with great pleasure that we can tell you the Mabomboh Nursery and Primary School had its official opening ceremony on 17/12/22. We attended the ceremony which was a great success, and we have to say we were so proud of the children and how they represented the school on the day. The children marched through the village behind a band and then there were traditional dancers and speeches from the Paramount Chief and other local dignitaries expressing their support for the Project and the benefits that it will provide to the children and wider community. We thank all the guests, friends and family who made the effort to come to Mabomboh to celebrate with the villagers and children the achievements

made in the last year. We thank friends and family who donated to the Facebook Fundraising Campaign which has been spent on the school Meal programme. We received a total of £300 and £150 offline which was spent on 9 bags of rice and condiments for the children. Happy New Year to you all and thank you once more for your continued support.

### **Action for Children**

A big **thank you** to everyone who kindly gave donations for Action for Children in the Carol Service and the service on Christmas morning. I banked £374.55 at HSBC in Bromley yesterday. I will have some Gift Aid slips with me on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> should anyone who has donated wish to complete one. Christine Pott.

### **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**

Our prayers are with Helen (nee Maw) and the family, on the death of her father Douglas over the Christmas period. He was Minister here from 1980 to 1988.

Those of our church community who are unwell or who have need for our prayers: Roland Beecher Bryant who continues to be well looked after in the stroke unit at the PRUH, Barbara Herriot, John Iles (Peter's father), 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 the Church of the Annunciation.

