



Sunday 22nd January 2023
Chislehurst Methodist Church

www.chislehurstmethodistchurch.org.uk

CCLI95928

Prayer for the week

A Borrowed Prayer (with deep appreciation to Elizabeth Barrett Browning)

How shall I love you, when you are out of sight?
Your love for me, in all its depth and breadth and height,
is beyond my soul's reach.
And yet, by sun and candlelight I long for you.
I long for you freely, purely.
I long for you with the passion of old griefs,
and childhood's faith.
I long for you with the breath,
smiles, tears of all my life.
Change now my longing,
so I might love you
through my neighbour's every quiet need;
so I might love you as I strive for right.
Let me love you
as I put to use my passions
to find in strangers - neighbours;
and in my neighbours - friends;
and with my friends
to love you better while I live.

Andrew Lunn, Manchester and Stockport District Chair

Minister: Rev'd Duncan MacBean (Day off - Friday)
The Manse, 73 Hawes Lane West Wickham,
Kent BR4 0DF. M:07432 093 353

Church office: Sarah Ridgewell (Tuesday - Friday, 10am - 2pm)
Chislehurst Methodist Church, Prince Imperial Road, Chislehurst, Kent BR7 5LX.
E: chislehurstmch@gmail.com, T: 020 8468 7695 / M: 07720 617 426



Please take this notice
sheet home with you

Preacher: Mrs Julie Gardner
Order of Service

Call to Worship

First Hymn 175 *Light of the world*

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

All Age Address - Light in the darkness

Second Hymn 59 *Shine Jesus Shine*

First Reading Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus Ministers to Crowds of People

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Reflection

Third Hymn 250 *Jesus calls us o'er the tumult*

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Divisions in the Church

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to

me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reflection

Fourth Hymn 686 *Jesus Lord we look to thee*

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's prayer

Blessing the Offering

Video - *My Lighthouse* (Rend Collective)

Final Hymn 476 *One more step along the world I go*

Benediction

Next Service: Sunday 29th January - 10.30am, Mrs Pat Woodison

NOTICES

Monday Focus

Monday Focus is meeting in the usual place the Wesley Room at 12.45pm onwards. This week is a Burns/Scottish themed meeting with music, stories and a quiz. Please do wear some tartan if you have any! As usual, there will be food and refreshments at the usual cost of £5pp. Looking forward to seeing you. Rosemary
07791 603 668.

Outing to Wesley's Chapel

There is to be a trip to Wesley's Chapel, City Road on Saturday 25th March leaving by coach from the Church car park at 9.30 am. Returning by 4.30pm. Cost £20pp for the coach and a guided tour of John Wesley's Chapel/his home and the museum. Contact Rosemary Hughes if you are interested on 07791 603 668.

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 still a few 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.

Calendars from the Chislehurst Artists

The Chislehurst Artist meet at here at the church once a month (3rd Tuesday) and they've kindly left two boxes of their 2023 calendars for the congregation to take. They've said, “if people wish to make a donation to the church's charity efforts that is brilliant, but we are not expecting any return for the calendars.” New members are always welcome in the group, if you'd like more details contact the church office.

Blood Service Dates

For information, the National Blood Donation Service is currently booked to use the church on the following dates this year: 1st & 15th February, 1st & 22nd March, 12th & 26th April, 10th & 24th May and 7th June.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday Zoom Services - 2nd & 16th February

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 has been discharged from the PRUH and is now at home, 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 Christ Church.

