



Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
**Chislehurst Methodist Church**

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**Prayer for the week**

Generous God, fill our hearts,  
inspire our souls, and challenge our  
minds as we navigate the paradoxes  
of life, that we may love you in the  
heights and depths of our being,  
and so learn how to love our  
neighbours as ourselves with  
wisdom, grace and compassion.

May our love be humble yet  
courageous, sensitive not  
presumptuous, and kind and  
generous in all things; even as you

gave your all in Jesus Christ, and outpour your life through the Holy  
Spirit, through whose presence we pray.

Amen.

*James Tebbutt, Cumbria District Chair*



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*Please note that Sarah will be working remotely for some of the half  
term week so is best reached on the church mobile number.*

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sheet home with you

**Preacher: Mrs Joan Mayes**  
**Order of Service**

Welcome

Call to Worship

First Hymn: 25 *God is here! As we his people*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Confession

Second Hymn: 504 *May the mind of God my Saviour*

First Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5 – 10

*Thus says the LORD:*

*Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.*

*They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.*

*They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.*

*Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.*

*They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.*

*It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;*

*in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.*

*The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—*

*who can understand it?*

*I the LORD test the mind*

*and search the heart,*

*to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.*

Reflection

Third Hymn: 455 *All my hope on God is founded*

Prayer from the Mountain Top and Level Place

Second Reading: Luke 6: 17 – 26

***Jesus Teaches and Heals***

*He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.*

***Blessings and Woes***

*Then he looked up at his disciples and said:*

*'Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.*

*'Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.*

*'Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.*

*'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.*

*'But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.*

*'Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.*

*'Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.*

*'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.*

Reflection

Fourth Hymn: 245 *Blest are they, the poor in spirit* (video with words)

Prayer of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing of the Offertory

Final Hymn: 546 *Behold the servant of the Lord*

Benediction

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## NOTICES

### **Message from the Van Teutems**

Helen, Arend and John thank you all so much for the kind messages of support that you have sent at this time. Knowing that we were in your thoughts and prayers brought some comfort to us and we appreciate your kindness. Edith enjoyed many happy times in Chislehurst and at Church and John sends his good wishes to you all.

### **World Day of Prayer – Friday 3rd March**

Each year this service is written by the Christian women of a different country. This year it is the turn of Taiwan, a country which has been caught in a superpower struggle for many years. The chosen theme is “I have heard about your faith” and the worship will include letters of encouragement to women who face suffering and injustice. Our local service will be held at St Nicholas Church, Church Lane at 10.30 am but the welcome café will be open from 10.00am. All are welcome.

### **Monday Focus**

Please do join us for our beautifully cooked hot lunch by Sharon. The cost is £10pp. There will be a bring and buy table to support the funds of Monday Focus. We shall be meeting at 12.45 pm onwards in the Wesley Room. If you wish to learn more, please contact Rosemary: 07791 603 668.

### **Outing to Wesley's Chapel- Saturday 25th March**

We shall be setting out from the church car park at 9.30 am. Arriving at Wesley's Chapel for a guided tour of the Chapel and John Wesley's home. We shall also explore the Museum of Methodism. Cost £20 per person. Please contact if you are interested in coming along. Rosemary 07791 603 668.

### **Two's Company Befriending Project**

This project is desperate for befriending volunteers to come forward! For more details, please see posters on the blue noticeboard and our Facebook page.

### **Have you heard about the London Methodist Luncheon Club?**

The club meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month (from October to May) at The Lancaster Hall Hotel, 35 Craven Terrace, London W2 3EL. There is a varied programme of speakers and a tasty three course meal. For more details, see the poster on the blue noticeboard.

## **Memorial Book**

We are currently working on a memorial book for the church. We invite people to put forward names of people who had a strong connection to the church, for inclusion in the book. Entries will consist of full name, date of birth, date of death and (if wanted) a single line of text about the person (maximum 77 characters including spaces). Please contact Sarah in the church office for more information or to submit details. Once ready, the book will be displayed in the church.

## **Blood Service Dates**

For information, the National Blood Donation Service is currently booked to use the church on the following dates this year: 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> April, 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> May and 7<sup>th</sup> 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 - 16<sup>th</sup> February, 16<sup>th</sup> March  
Apologies, there will be no zoom service on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
World Day of Prayer Service, St Nicholas Church – 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
Mabomboh School Fundraiser – 11<sup>th</sup> March  
*(see poster on noticeboard for more details)*

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

Those of our church community who are unwell or who have need for our prayers: Roland Beecher Bryant, Sam Cope, 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 and Rosemary Whittingham.

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

