



Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
**Chislehurst Methodist Church**

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**Prayer for the week**

**A prayer following the tragic events in Turkey and Syria**

God of time and space, we cry to you for your children - our neighbours - in southern Turkey and northern Syria, following the earthquake that has devastated hundreds of lives. Only they and you know what it is like to experience such trauma in the middle of the night.

We give thanks for the aid that is already being given and for the promises of help that have been made by many nations.

Comfort, we pray,

those who are trapped in collapsed buildings;

those who have lost loved ones;

those who wait for news and

those digging through rubble to save others.

Grant the gift of hope so that those caught between life and death know that you are with them and that others are ready to support them as they seek a future that overshadows the experiences of today. We ask this in the Name of Jesus, who endured so much for love of them. Amen.

*Prayer written by the President of the Conference, the Revd Graham Thompson.*

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sheet home with you

**Preacher: Rev'd Duncan MacBean**

**Order of Service**

Welcome and Opening Prayer

First Hymn: 11 *Holy, holy, holy*

First Reading: Exodus 24: 12-18

*The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.*

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1: 16-21

*For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.*

Second Hymn: 154 *Come, divine interpreter*

Third Reading: Matthew 17: 1-9

*Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."*

Sermon

Third Hymn: 260 *Swiftly pass the clouds of glory*

Prayers of Intercession

Fourth Hymn: 681 *Community of Christ*

Blessing of the Offering

The Lord's Prayer

Final Hymn: 563 *O Jesus, I have promised*

Benediction

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The flowers in church this week are kindly provided by Alice Sennett  
Manythanks.

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Next Service: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February - 10.30am, Mrs Susan Cope

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## NOTICES

### **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**

Monday Focus will be meeting in the Wesley Room from 12.45 pm onwards. There will be a sandwich lunch and other tasty food plus refreshments. Followed by a 'Social'. Do join us, 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> & 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> April, 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> May, 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> June and 5<sup>th</sup> July.

## 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 Service:	16 <sup>th</sup> March (apologies, there will be no zoom service on 2 <sup>nd</sup> March)
Online Safeguarding Training:	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March, 7pm
World Day of Prayer Service:	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March @St Nicholas Church
Mabomboh School Fundraiser	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> March
<i>(see poster on noticeboard for more details)</i>	
In Person Safeguarding training:	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March, 1pm @ Orpington MC Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April, 1pm @ West Wickham MC
<i>(see poster on noticeboard or contact church office for booking information)</i>	

## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those of our church community who are unwell or who have need for our prayers: Roland Beecher Bryant, 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 Hope Church.

