



Sunday 26th February 2023
Chislehurst Methodist Church

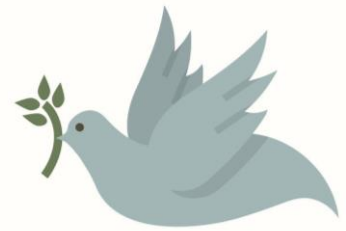
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Prayer for the week

Bless all those who I meet today and those who will give me some part of themselves; their love, their knowledge, their wisdom and their grace.

May I gladly receive the gifts of others today, letting my neighbours into my life and in doing so meet you, the God of all grace.

Shape me, Holy God, in and through my neighbours this day.
Surround us with your free and generous love. Amen.



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Christmas Tree Festival – Lessons Learnt Meeting – 28th February

We are having a review meeting to try and collate 'lesson learnt' from the last Christmas tree festival and ideas for moving forward – all are welcome!

The meeting will be 10.30am on Tuesday 28th February in the Church.

If you have some comments but are unable to attend, please do forward these to Sarah ahead of the meeting.

Please take this notice
sheet home with you

Preacher: Mrs Susan Cope

Order of Service

Introduction and Call to Worship

First Hymn 531 *What a friend we have in Jesus*

Prayers of Approach, Adoration, Praise and Thanksgiving

First Reading: Genesis 2: 15-17

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Second Hymn 727 *God in his love for us lent us this planet*

Second Reading: Genesis 3: 1- 8

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

Third Reading: Matthew 4: 1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the

test.” ‘Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, ‘All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! for it is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.” ‘ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Prayers of Penitence and Assurance of Forgiveness

Third Hymn 237 *Jesus tempted in the desert*

Sermon

Fourth Hymn 156 *From the breaking of the dawn*

Prayers of Intercession

Sing the Lord’s Prayer

Collection Prayer

Final Hymn 481 *The Lord’s my shepherd*

Blessing

The flowers in church this week are kindly provided by Lynda Smith, many thanks.

Next Service: Sunday 5th March - 10.30am, Rev’d Duncan MacBean, Holy Communion

NOTICES

Action for Children / Lent



On this First Sunday of Lent, Action for Children invite you to Count Your Blessings with them. They hope this will offer a positive boost to each day and, if you're able to, help you to use this important and reflective time of the year to support vulnerable children and families. A copy of Count Your Blessings is on the blue Noticeboard.

You can download your own copy at www.actionforchildren.org.uk

Junior Church

All our children are invited to join us for "First Things First" next Sunday, 5th March. There will be a full program running in the Wesley Room after which the children will join their families for Communion in the Church. We look forward to seeing you here.

Methodist Church – Change of Address

The Methodist Church in London has a new address: Methodist Church House, 25 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9SF. Email addresses and phone numbers have not changed.

Blue or Red Wool

Does anyone have any remnants of the red or blue wool we used for the hats? Or perhaps from your own collection at home? K&K are trying to make red, white, blue, pennants to form the base of a yarn bombed post box. Please pass anything you have to Sue Cope or leave in the church office. Thank you!

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

The Rev'd Robert Selvakumar will be leading Monday Focus with a Lent Communion service. This will start in the Church at 12.45 pm followed by sandwiches and refreshments, £5 pp. All are welcome! 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.

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

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those of our church community who are unwell or who have need for our prayers: Elaine and Eddie Battarbee, 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 the Churches Together Committee.

