



Sunday 5th March 2023
Chislehurst Methodist Church

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Prayer for the week

Thank you, God, for inviting me to share in your work: to love God, and to love my neighbour, as I am loved myself. Sometimes, the hardest part is to love myself. Your grace is beyond my capacity to imagine. I diminish your love by my own false limits. I treat myself too harshly when your love treats me gently. Jesus, you invite me to love God, and to love my neighbour as I am loved myself. Such love will transform the world. Set my heart on fire with love! Help me to respond to the greatest commandment! I dedicate myself to love God, and love my neighbours, and love myself, even as I am fully loved by you.

Amen.

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CSW Prayer Meeting – Sunday 12th March

There will be a CSW prayer meeting after the morning service on Sunday 12th March. Please do come along! If you'd like to find out more about CSW, you can visit their website: www.csw.org.uk

Please take this notice
sheet home with you

Preacher: Rev'd Duncan MacBean

Order of Service

Welcome & Opening Prayer

First Hymn: 17 *With gladness we worship*

MWB pg. 148: *3, *4, *5

Second Hymn: 250 *Jesus calls us o'er the tumult*

First Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") -- in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Second Reading: John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter

the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

Third Hymn 365 *Jesu the joy of loving hearts*

The Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Communion

MWB pg. 159: *29

Final Hymn 610 *Best of all is, God is with us*

Benediction

Next Service: Sunday 12th March - 10.30am, Ms Deborah Spinks

NOTICES

Walk of Witness

Churches Together in Chislehurst and Bickley **Walk of Witness** is on the morning of Good Friday, 7th April. Once again, our Church will welcome the walkers for refreshments - coffee and hot cross buns - after the walk. Please have a word with Christine Pott or Sue Cope if you are able to help with preparation, serving, etc. Thank you.

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!

Monday Focus

Monday Focus will be meeting in the Wesley room at the usual time of 12.45pm onwards. The meeting will start with a sandwich lunch and refreshments £5pp. Followed by a reflection in this Lent season titled 'Trouble in the shopping precinct' led by Joan Mayes. All welcome. 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

Mabomboh School Fundraiser: Saturday 11th March
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 St Nicholas Church.



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