



Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
**Chislehurst Methodist Church**

[www.chislehurstmethodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.chislehurstmethodistchurch.org.uk)

CCLI95928

---

**Prayer for the Week**

God the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. Strengthen and deepen our commitment to revealing your kingdom through our lives and by our prayers. Grant us, we pray, wisdom to discern signs of your kingdom in the world around us, wherever grace, mercy and truth are present. Enable us to discover, even in unexpected places, the beauty of holiness revealed in personal acts of compassion and sacrifice. Empower all people of goodwill to work towards establishing social structures and relationships that embody justice and peace. Through the faithful endeavour of us and all your people, may your kingdom come your will be done. Amen.

*David Chapman, District Chair, Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire District*

---

**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)

E: [chislehurstmch@gmail.com](mailto:chislehurstmch@gmail.com), T: 020 8468 7695 / M: 07720 617 426



Please take this notice  
sheet home with you

**Preacher: Rev'd Duncan MacBean**  
**Order of Service**

Welcome

First Hymn:                   3 *Eternal God*

MWB pg 282-3               2\*, 3\*, 4\*

First Reading:               Jeremiah 31: 31-34

*The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.*

*But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.*

Second Reading:             John 15: 1-10

*I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.*

*I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.*

*My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.*

Sermon

Second Hymn:               80 *My God, I am thine*

MWB pg 285-6               12\* The Covenant, 13\*

Third Hymn:                 549 *Come, let us use the grace divine*

MWB pg 287-91	15a, 17, 18
Fourth Hymn:	585 <i>God whose love</i>
MWB pg 292-4	21*
The Lord's Prayer	
Communion	
MWB pg 296	30*
Final Hymn:	685 <i>In Christ there is no east or west</i>
Benediction	

---

Next Service: Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January, Mrs Pat Woodison

---

## NOTICES

### **World Day of Prayer – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

*'I beg you, bear with one another in love'*

The Christian Women of Palestine are calling us to connect with the land from where Jesus came; where our faith began and is rooted. Despite living in an area of the world where there is ongoing conflict and the future is uncertain, the women of Palestine are sharing with love a reminder that they are there, and they want to give hope to everyone. The theme of the service 2024 'bear with one another in love' seems very appropriate for these women who will not give up witnessing the love of Jesus Christ.

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation led by women which enables us to hear the thoughts of those women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns, and prayers.

People will gather at 11am on Friday 1 March 2024 at St. George's Church, Bickley (Bickley Park Rd, Bromley BR1 2BE) to celebrate the service prepared by the women of Palestine. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 146 countries. It begins in Samoa and travels through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later.

For further information and resources, see the WDP website: [wwdp.org.uk](http://wwdp.org.uk)

### **Sunday Coffee and Flower Rota**

We are getting very short of people to join the Sunday Flower and Coffee rota, if you are able to help, please contact Ruth Dawe: [ruthdawe@btinternet.com](mailto:ruthdawe@btinternet.com)

### **Recycling Postage Stamps**

As postal deliveries increase at this time of year do remember that your used postage stamps can be recycled for fundraising: any country, any value at any time of year. There is a box at the recycling station (outside the gents). Money raised will go to local GirlGuiding. Thank you. Gillian Beecher Bryant, Tel: 020 8467 6906.

### **Monday Focus**

Welcome back after the Christmas and New Year's celebrations! This week we are looking forward to Rev'd Duncan MacBean leading the meeting in a reflection as we begin the New Year. There will be a sandwich lunch, cakes and other refreshments. Cost £5 pp. All are welcome! Rosemary: 07791 603 668.

## **Thursday Lunchtime Service**

There will only be one lunchtime zoom services in January on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>. The zoom link will be sent a day or two before.

## **The Memorial Book**

The memorial book is now on display in the church. New entries can be added at any time so please do contact Sarah if you would like to add an entry.

## **WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

Our thoughts and prayers are with Elaine, Christopher, Jonathan and their families, following the passing of Eddie, shortly before Christmas. His funeral will take place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 2pm at the church, there will be refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Those of our church community who are unwell or who have need for our prayers: Janet Woollett who is undergoing chemotherapy, Veronica Crowther who is recovering at home following an operation, Pam Wallace, Monica Faux, and Neill Truman.

All our friends who are in care homes, particularly Joan Clements and Rosemary Whittingham.

We also pray for those who commit suicide and those who have to deal with the impact of suicide, particularly on our railways. We are currently in the season where there are two or three incidents a week on the railways in Kent and Sussex alone. Horrific for everyone, not least those themselves, but also the impact on drivers is terrible and the recovery teams.

As part of the fellowship of Churches Together in Chislehurst and Bickley; this week we pray for the Churches Together Committee.

