



Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
**Chislehurst Methodist Church**

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**Prayer for the week**

Keep us, O Lover of all, under the strength of your protection and enfold us within the eternity of your kingdom; for in you is our hope and to you we give all praise and glory; now and for ever. Amen.

*Macarius of Egypt (c.300-c.390)*



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**MHA Sunday Collection (continuing)**

This is the 80<sup>th</sup> year of MHA, formerly Methodist Homes. Any donations go towards the cost of chaplains and music therapy in their homes, the largest organisation for the care of elderly people in the country. If you would like to donate in memory of loved ones there are envelopes on the piano and these can be put in the tray by the door today and next Sunday. Alice Sennett.

Please take this notice  
sheet home with you

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

Call to worship

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

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Psalm 95 (*responsive*)

Second Hymn:                *6 Father we love you, we worship and adore you*

First Reading:                **Matthew 9: 9 – 13**

*Jesus Calls Matthew*

Jesus left that place, and as he walked along, he saw a tax collector, named Matthew, sitting in his office. He said to him, "Follow me." Matthew got up and followed him. While Jesus was having a meal in Matthew's house, many tax collectors and other outcasts came and joined Jesus and his disciples at the table. Some Pharisees saw this and asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with such people?" Jesus heard them and answered, "People who are well do not need a doctor, but only those who are sick. Go and find out what is meant by the scripture that says: 'It is kindness that I want, not animal sacrifices.' I have not come to call respectable people, but outcasts."

Reflection

Third Hymn:                    *653 Christ the healer we have come*

Second Reading:             **Matthew 9: 18 – 26**

*The Official's Daughter and the Woman Who Touched Jesus' Cloak*

While Jesus was saying this, a Jewish official came to him, knelt down before him, and said, "My daughter has just died; but come and place your hands on her, and she will live." So Jesus got up and followed him, and his disciples went along with him. A woman who had suffered from severe bleeding for twelve years came up behind Jesus and touched the edge of his cloak. She said to herself, "If only I touch his cloak, I will get well." Jesus turned around and saw her, and said, "Courage, my daughter! Your faith has made you well." At that very moment the woman became well. Then Jesus went into the official's house. When he saw the musicians for the funeral and the people all stirred up, he said, "Get out, everybody! The little girl is not dead—she is only sleeping!" Then they all started making fun of him. But as soon as the people had been put out, Jesus went into the girl's room and took hold of her hand, and she got up. The news about this spread all over that part of the country.

Reflection

Fourth Hymn:                    *332 Lord, I lift your name on high* (video - sing twice)

Prayers Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing of the Offertory

Final Hymn:                    *255 The kingdom of God is justice and joy*

Benediction

We thank Lynda Smith for the lovely flowers this week.

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Next Service: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June - 10.30am, Deacon Maureen Spinks

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## NOTICES

### **Monday Focus**

There will be a hot lunch and Bring + Buy Sale for Focus funds on Monday. The cost for the meal is £10pp. We will be meeting in the Wesley Room at 12.45pm onwards. All are welcome! Please contact Rosemary Hughes if you wish to know more: 07791 603 668.

### **Janet Verrier News!**

I will be welcomed into full connection with the Methodist Church of Britain on the 25th June 2023. This means that I will no longer be "on loan" from the Methodist Church of Southern Africa. The Service on the 25<sup>th</sup>, will be part of Conference proceedings held in Birmingham and Sue and Lynton Cope have graciously said they will come to support me along with my mum. Janet Verrier

## **Dorothy Kelly**

In August, I will be holidaying in Scotland on a coach tour with my sister. It includes a visit to the **Isle of Bute** and I have arranged to meet up with **Dorothy Kelly** who I'm sure you'll remember, was a member of this church. Of course, I will send her your greetings and buy her a cup of coffee, but if there is anything you wish to send to her, I will gladly take it. It must be small and light, and I must have it by Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – letters, cards, small items are all acceptable. Remember my holiday suitcase is the one up from cabin size! Susan Cope: 07557 100 902.

## **Action for Children**

Resources are now available to download for this year's Action for Children Sunday services (ours is on 9<sup>th</sup> July). 'This year, *Action for Children* Sunday focuses on this connectedness we have as humans and God's commandment to love one another as we are loved by God.' Read more about *Action for Children* Sunday, and download the resources: [www.actionforchildren.org.uk/support-us/fundraise-with-us/fundraise-in-your-church](http://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/support-us/fundraise-with-us/fundraise-in-your-church)

## **The Memorial Book**

A few months ago, it was decided that we should have a memorial book in church commemorating those who played a part in the life of our church in the past. It is envisaged that the book will stand on the table below the icon and be open at the page showing the month in which the remembered person died. The book has been purchased and some draft pages have been included to show how the names will be set out. At the moment these are just on ordinary white paper, but the final version will have good quality sheets - a page of which is enclosed in the book. There is also a list of those whose names have already been suggested giving dates of birth and death where known. The list is by no means comprehensive so if you can provide details for more, please give them to Sarah in the office or Elaine. It is hoped that there will be a brief comment about each person, perhaps saying what part they played in church life, a brief tribute or what that person meant to you. There is no strict rule. Please do let us have your suggestions. Do have a look at the book which is in an envelope below the icon but please leave it there when you have used it. Elaine Battarbee.

## **Thursday Lunchtime Service**

There will be no service on 15<sup>th</sup> June, as Duncan will be on leave. The next service will be on 6<sup>th</sup> July (then 20<sup>th</sup> July). Zoom details will be sent by email a day or two before the event.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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| <i>Open Mic Night</i>                                     | <i>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June @ 7pm</i>    |
| <i>- Poster on noticeboard for more info</i>              | <i>(Mottingham MC)</i>                      |
| Circuit Merger Q&A meeting:                               | Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> July @ 12.30         |
|   | <i>(Bromley MC)</i>                         |
| Farewell to Deacon Maureen Spinks:                        | Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2023 @ 5.00 pm |
|   | <i>(Bromley Common MC)</i>                  |
| Chislehurst Creates – Community Art Event                 | Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September @ 1pm   |
| <i>(poster on noticeboard and more details to follow)</i> |   |

## **WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

The family and friends of Eileen Surguy, a Monday Focus member, whose funeral will take place at Kemnal Park Crematorium at 11.00 am on 21<sup>st</sup> June, there will be a gathering afterwards at Bromley Cricket Club.

Those of our church community who are unwell or who have need for our prayers: Monica Faux, Pam Wallace, Roland Beecher Bryant, Barbara Herriot, John Iles (Peter's father) 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 Mary's Church.