



Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
**Chislehurst Methodist Church**

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**Prayer for the Week**  
**The Action for Children Covenant**

Every child has the right to live, to be safe and to be loved. Every young person has the right to be housed, to have enough money to live in dignity and to have enough support for the future. Every young person has the right to justice, to realise their potential and to be given the space to become independent. In an often cruel and imperfect world, we uphold the work of Action for Children with children and young people in danger, in need and at risk. We support the growth of this work and the pursuit of all these rights for the young, the discounted and the vulnerable. We make this covenant with Action for Children for the sake of all God's children.

Amen

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**Preachers: Rev'd David Morris**  
**Order of Service**

Welcome

Call to Worship

First Hymn:                    *84 Praise the Lord, his glories show*

Prayer

Second Hymn:                *501 Help us O Lord to learn*

Blessing of the Offering

First Reading:                Zechariah 9.9-12

*The Coming Ruler of God's People*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Second Reading:             Matthew 11.16-30

'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

### *Woes to Unrepentant Cities*

Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done, because they did not repent. 'Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, on the day of judgement it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you that on the day of judgement it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.'

### *Jesus Thanks His Father*

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Third Hymn:                    531 *What a friend we have in Jesus*

Sermon

Fourth Hymn:                251 *Jesus Christ is waiting*

Prayers of Intercession

Final Hymn:                550 *Forth in thy name O Lord I go*

Benediction

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Next Service: Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July - 10.30am, Mrs Pat Woodison

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## NOTICES

### **Monday Focus**

This Monday there will be a cooked lunch (cost £10pp) and a Bring + Buy stall for M/F funds. Please do join us we are a friendly group and the food is great! We meet in the Wesley Room from 12.45pm onwards. Rosemary: 07791 603 668.

### **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.

### **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, 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.

### **Thursday Lunchtime Service**

The next service will be 20<sup>th</sup> July. Zoom details will be sent by email a day or two before the event.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Circuit Merger Q&A meeting:	TODAY - Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> July @ 12.30 (Bromley MC)
Farewell to Deacon Maureen Spinks:	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2023 @ 5.00 pm (Bromley Common MC)
Chislehurst Creates – Community Art Event (poster on noticeboard and more details to follow)	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September @ 1pm

## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

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 the St George's Church.

