



Sunday 23rd July 2023
Chislehurst Methodist Church

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Prayer for the Week

Gracious God,
Your love for us is without limit,
our love for you is often so poor,
May our worship be more than habit,
instead let it be filled with praise and much more.
As we seek to love you with our whole selves,
let us be aware of others
Let us never be so consumed with worship
that we neglect the needs of the world.
Assist us never to be so attentive to the needs of others that we
ignore our commitment to prayer and worship.
So may our discipleship be filled with worship and action.
In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

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Preachers: Ms Deborah Spinks
Order of Service

Welcome

Prayer of Approach

First Hymn: 11 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Second Hymn: 81 *Now thank we all our God*

First Reading Matthew 13: 24-30

The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Second Reading Matthew 13: 36-43

Jesus Explains the Parable of the Weeds

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Third Hymn: 508 *Purify my Heart*

Sermon - 'Quality control'

Reflection using Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24

Fourth Hymn: 306 *Now the Green Blade Rises*

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing of the Offering

Final Hymn: 563 *O Jesus I have promised*

Benediction

Next Service: Sunday 30th July - 10.30am, Mrs Susan Cope

NOTICES

Prayer Meeting

There will be a CSW prayer meeting next Sunday 30th July, in the Wesley room, after the service. Please do come along, John Sennett.

Action for Children

Thank you to Rev'd David Morris for his excellent service for Action for Children Sunday and grateful thanks to all those who have made donations. There is still time to donate. There are Gift Aid envelopes on the piano, please complete the details on the back of the envelope and seal it with your donation inside. Please leave the completed envelopes on the Collection Plate. I will pay the money to Action for Children at the end of the month. Please visit actionforchildren.org.uk to see the great work being done by this Methodist charity in these difficult times. Thank you. Christine Pott

Monday Focus

Monday Focus will be meeting as usual this week in the Wesley Room from 12.45pm onwards. We will be starting with a sandwich lunch, plus other refreshments. Cost £10pp. The theme will be *Holiday's at Home* and Rev Duncan MacBean will be leading us. All are welcome! 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.

Church Office During Summer Holidays

Sarah will be working remotely for parts of the school summer holidays (w/c 24th July to 30th August) and working times may vary from normal office hours. She's best reached via mobile: 07720 617 426 or email chislehurstmch@gmail.com during this time. Please also note that we will be having some electrical work at the church from 31st July – 8th August, which will involve the power being turned off at various times and this will affect the wifi connection. We hope there won't be any wifi problems on Sunday 6th August but please take this as advanced warning just in case!

Thursday Lunchtime Service

The lunchtime services in August will be 3rd and 17th. Zoom details will be sent by email a day or two before the event.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Farewell to Deacon Maureen Spinks: TODAY - Sunday 23rd July 2023 @
5.00 pm (*Bromley Common MC*)

Chislehurst Creates – Community Art Event Saturday 23rd September @ 1pm
(*poster on noticeboard and more details to follow*)

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those of our church community who are unwell or who have need for our prayers: Monica Faux, Pam Wallace, Veronica Crowther, 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 Christ Church.

