



Sunday 14th January 2024
Chislehurst Methodist Church

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Prayer for the Week

Creator God, dweller in darkness, yet as light to you; from darkness you created earth, day and night, light and dark. Jesus, light of the world, in darkness treasures are illuminated by your light, seen brightest in darkness. Holy Spirit, revealer of treasures; give us strength to persevere searching for the light in the darkest times of life's journey. Holy Trinity, challenge me to befriend the darkness with your comforting presence; in time you will reveal hidden treasures that can be found amid suffering, pain and grief; then I will see things differently. Help me dig deep, mining for these treasures produced by immense pressure. Then may these treasures be stored in my heart and in heaven. Amen.



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Preacher: Mrs Pat Woodison
Order of Service

Welcome

Call to Worship

First Hymn 443 *Come let us sing of a wonderful love*

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Confession

Second Hymn 660 *Called by Christ to be disciples*

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3, 1-10

Samuel's Calling and Prophetic Activity

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

Second Reading: John 1, 35-49

The First Disciples of Jesus

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!'

Third Hymn *250 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult*

Reflection

Fourth Hymn *663 I the Lord of sea and sky*

Prayers for Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing of the Collection

Final Hymn *564 O thou who camest from above*

Blessing

Next Service: Sunday 21st January, Mr Benni Harms

NOTICES

Prayer Meeting – Christian Solidarity Worldwide – 21st January

There will be a prayer meeting for Christian Solidarity Worldwide after the service next Sunday, 21st January. Please do come along, John Sennett.

World Day of Prayer – Friday 1st 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

Monday Focus

Monday Focus will be meeting at the usual time of 12.45pm in the Wesley Room. There will be a hot lunch, cost £10 pp. Please support the *bring and buy* sale for Monday Focus funds. All are welcome! Rosemary: 07791 603668.

Thursday Lunchtime Service

There will only be one lunchtime zoom services in January on Thursday 18th. 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.

Continuing Family Tradition

Some of you will remember that Adrienne and Howard Beale and their family used to have Christmas parties here every year. Howard Beale and the family have carried on the tradition and had 50 members of the family attending this year! Here is a photo from the day, with Howard in the very middle at the front.



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Eddie Battarbee's funeral will take place on Friday 2nd 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, Pam Wallace, Monica Faux, 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.