



Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025  
**Chislehurst Methodist Church**

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**Prayers for the Week**

Dear God, we pray that each one of us feels your presence now and every day, whatever the circumstances, time or place.

May we all reflect you, in our own particular words, thoughts and deeds, in such a way that others too can come to feel and know your presence throughout the whole world.

In Jesus' name. Amen.



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**CSW Prayer Meeting - Sunday 9th February**

The next CSW Prayer Meeting will take place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February, after the morning service. Do come along! John Sennett.



**Order of Service**  
**Preacher: Rev'd Hannah**

Please take this notice  
sheet home with you

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 71: 1 - 6

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

First Hymn StF 341 *All for Jesus*

First Reading Jeremiah 1: 4 - 10

*Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the LORD said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.' Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'*

Second Hymn StF 254 *Seek ye first the kingdom of God*

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 13: 1 – 13

*If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrong-doing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.*

Third Hymn                      StF 287 *When I survey the wondrous cross*

Third Reading:                Luke 4: 21- 30

*Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." ' And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.' When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.*

Sermon

Reflection:                      *He shall feed his flock like a Shepherd - Handel's Messiah*

Prayers of Intercession by Tracey Large, John Sennett, Elaine Battarbee,  
& Peter Herriot

Blessing the Offertory

Fourth Hymn                      StF 573 *Be known to us in breaking bread*

Communion

Prayers and Dismissal

Final Hymn                      StF 264 *Make way, make way, for Christ the King*

Benediction

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Next Service: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Ms Christina Messenger

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## NOTICES

### Safeguarding

As a church we are committed to creating safe spaces and following statutory guidelines. To assist with this, we need to appoint a new safeguarding officer, with a team to support them. If you are interested in supporting this, please contact Rev'd Hannah to discuss.



### Monday Focus – 3rd February

Monday Focus will be meeting at 12.45pm in the Wesley Room. There shall be a sandwich and other tasty refreshments - cost £10pp. Sue Cope will be leading on the subject of 'Memories'. Please do feel free to share your own memories of Summer holidays or day trips. Maybe there is somewhere you would happily visit again or recommend to others. Do bring items and photographs. All are welcome! Rosemary 07791 603 668.

### World Day of Prayer: Friday 7th March

This year's World Day of Prayer has been written by Christian women from the Cook Islands. It is the turn of St Mary's church in Crown Lane to hold our local event. There will be a welcome café from 10.00am and the service will take place at 10.30am. Everyone is warmly invited.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Brigades Family Quiz Evening** – Bromley Common MC, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February @ 7pm  
(see poster on the noticeboard for more details)

**Church AGM** – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, after the morning church service

**Dementia-friendly, café-style church service, taster sessions:** 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 10am-12pm @ Orpington MC, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025: 10:30am-12:30pm @ Bromley MC

**Zoom Safeguarding Training** – Foundation Module: 25th Feb, 7-9.30pm  
26th March, 7-9.30pm, to book: widmorecircuit@gmail.com/07835 809967

**EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) Training** See poster on noticeboard for more details re who should attend. 12<sup>th</sup> May, 7-9pm @ CMC, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 9.30 – 11.30am @ Bromley MC. To book: widmorecircuit@gmail.com / 07835 809967

## MEMORIAL BOOK

This month in our memorial book, we remember:

David Gifford Temple                      Born: 11<sup>th</sup> May 1923, Died: 5<sup>th</sup> February 2015  
Barbara Ellen Plummer                      Born: 4<sup>th</sup> February 1915, Died: 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017

The memorial book is 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

Those of our church community who are unwell or who have need for our prayers: Julie Covill who spoke to us about CASPA who has recently been diagnosed with cancer, John and Eileen Liddinson, James Alabi, John Sennett, Janet Woollett, Alfie Watt, Pam Wallace. 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.



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