



Sunday 9th March 2025
Chislehurst Methodist Church

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Welcome

We are very pleased to welcome you here in church today, whether you are only visiting for the first time, or come every week or only coming back after many months. We are delighted to see you and to worship God together. If you are new to the church, please introduce yourself to us and we will be happy to tell you more about what happens here in Chislehurst Methodist Church. We hope you will find yourself at home here amongst us.

God bless you richly,
Rev Hannah



Prayers for the Week

Be fruitful within us, O God and fill our words with your love, our lives with your glory, and our labour with your blessing.

Ann Gilbert, Cornish Methodist preacher (c. 1735-1790)

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Order of Service

Preacher: Mr Jim Holman

Welcome

Greeting by the Preacher

First Hymn StF 88 *Praise to the Lord the Almighty*

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Second Hymn StF 526 *Lord of all hopefulness*

First Reading Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

First Fruits and Tithes

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Second Reading Luke 4: 1-13

The Temptation of Jesus

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." 'Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." ' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." ' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Third Hymn StF 520 *Give me, O Lord, a thankful heart*

Sermon

Fourth Hymn StF 73 *Fill thou my life, O Lord my God,*

Blessing of the Offering

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Thanks and Last Word

Fifth Hymn StF 81 *Now thank we all our God*

Blessing

Next Service: Sunday 16th March – Mrs Joan Mayes

NOTICES

Monday Focus

Monday Focus will be meeting in the Wesley Room at 12.45pm for a Hot Lunch £10pp. There will be a Bring and Buy stall and Jane Miles (Elsie's daughter) will be sharing information about 'How to give money to hospital charities'. Please do let Rosemary or Sharon know if you will be attending for catering purposes. All are welcome! Rosemary 07791 603 668 / Sharon 07757 717 399.

Contact Magazine

We are planning to produce an Easter edition of *Contact* magazine, so are sending out a very early call for articles! To submit something, please contact the church office.

Monday Focus lunch & Harp Recital

Monday 12th May from 12:45
pm

Chislehurst Methodist Church,
Prince Imperial Road,
Chislehurst, BR7 5LX

Margaret Watson (website: www.harpmusic.co.uk), a highly experienced harpist, is giving a recital and introducing us to the versatility of harp playing. There will be time to ask questions and join in with singing a few well known songs.



Contacts to purchase tickets:
£10 pp (includes buffet lunch)

Rosemary Hughes tel:
07791 603668

Sharon Michaelides tel:
07757 717399

Closing date for tickets
30th April 2025



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dementia-friendly, café-style church service, taster session: 20th March 2025:
10:30am-12:30pm @ Bromley MC

Zoom Safeguarding Training – Foundation Module: 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.* 12th May, 7-9pm @ CMC, 11th June, 9.30 – 11.30am
@ Bromley MC. To book: widmorecircuit@gmail.com / 07835 809967

MEMORIAL BOOK

This month in our memorial book, we remember:

Leonard George Towers Born: 22nd April 1912, Died: 5th March 1988

The memorial book is on display in the church. New entries can be added at any time so please do contact the church office 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: Muriel Ridgewell (Sarah's mother in law), Julie Covill, 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 Mary's Church.



Pastoral Support Contacts

If you need any pastoral support or know someone who does, please speak to:

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