



Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
**Chislehurst Methodist Church**

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**Welcome**

We are very pleased to welcome you here in church today, whether you are visiting for the first time, come every week or are 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



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**Prayer for the Week**

Dwell within us, O Christ, as we go about our work in quietness and peace; rejoice with us in the work you have given us to do; bless us in the love you have called us to share and be present in the message you have summoned us to speak.

**Isabella Gilmore, Pioneer Anglican deaconess (1842-1923)**

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sheet home with you

## Order of Service

**Preacher: Joan Mayes**

Call to Worship

Hymn: 117 Sing praise to God who reigns above

Prayer: Adoration

Reading: Genesis 15 – 1-12 & 17-18

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### **God's Covenant with Abram**

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

## Reflection 1

Hymn: 91 The God of Abraham praise vs 1, 3, 4 & 5

Prayer: Compassion & Confession

Hymn: 238 Lead us heavenly father

Reading: Luke 13: 31 -35

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## The Lament over Jerusalem

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

## Reflection 2

Hymn: 622 When our caring love grows thin

Prayers of Intercession & Lords Prayer

Blessing of Offertory

Hymn: 319 Christ triumphant, ever reigning

Dismissal

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Next Service: Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Roger Dawe

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## NOTICES

### Monday Focus - 17th March

Monday Focus will be meeting in the Wesley Room from 12.45 pm. There will be a sandwich lunch and other refreshments cost £10pp. The speaker will be Yvonne Conway from Bromley Well. All welcome. Rosemary Hughes: 07791 603 668.

### 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 via email.

### CHISLEHURST Methodist Church

### Labyrinth Experience

Prince Imperial Road BR7 5LX



Holy Week 2025 13<sup>th</sup> April (Palm)-18<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday) + Family day Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>

#### OPEN:

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 12noon - 3pm, family friendly

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> 10 am - 2pm

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> 10 am - 2pm

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> closed

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 10 am - 2pm

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 12noon - 2pm then Good Friday worship at 3pm

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 10am - 2pm, family friendly

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Lent Bible Study: Let Justice Flow**, a Study Course by Rev Richard Grocott  
Study Two: Amos warns the nations of the world  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> March, 10am -11am, Wesley Room, Chislehurst MC  
Course link <https://www.methodistlondon.org.uk/let-justice-flow-a-lent-course>

**Dementia-friendly, café-style church service, taster session:**  
20<sup>th</sup> March 2025: 10:30am-12:30pm at Bromley Methodist Church

**Zoom Safeguarding Training – Foundation Module:**  
26<sup>th</sup> March, 7-9.30pm, to book: [widmorecircuit@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:widmorecircuit@gmail.com) / 07835 809967

## MEMORIAL BOOK

This month in our memorial book, we remember:  
*Leonard George Towers*                      *Born: 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1912,*                      *Died: 5<sup>th</sup> 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: 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. Jeanne Pearse, a loyal member of Monday Focus, who is in the PRUH after being knocked down by a car.

As part of the fellowship of Churches Together in Chislehurst and Bickley;  
this week we pray for St. Patrick's Church.



### Pastoral Support Contacts

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