



Sunday 16th 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



A prayer for God's forgiveness

To you, O God most high, we lift our hearts, voicing our praise, confessing our sins and seeking your pardon. To you we come for grace, to you we render our thanks and to you we ascribe all honour and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

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Order of Service

Preacher: Mr Roger Dawe

Call to worship

Theme. Lent – The Big Picture

Hymn 1 All people that on earth do dwell

Prayers

Hymn 238 Lead us heavenly father lead us

First Reading Mark 14:43-46 and 53-64

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.' So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, 'Rabbi!' and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him.

Jesus before the Council

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, 'We heard him say, "I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands."' ' But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, 'Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?' But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, 'Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?' Jesus said, 'I am; and "you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power", and "coming with the clouds of heaven."' '

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, 'Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?' All of them condemned him as deserving death.

Reflection 1. Jesus and the disciples, Judas and the High Priest

Hymn 277 My song is love unknown

Second Reading Mark 15: 1-15

Jesus before Pilate

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Pilate Hands Jesus over to Be Crucified

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Reflection 2. Pilate and the crowd

Hymn 287 When I survey the wondrous cross

Blessing of the Offering

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 550 Forth in thy name O Lord I go

Blessing

Next Service: Sunday 30th March – Mothering Sunday – Rev'd Hannah

NOTICES

Monday Focus - 17th March

Monday Focus will be meeting in the Wesley Room at 12.45 pm onwards. There will be a sandwich lunch £10pp followed by a social. All welcome. Rosemary Hughes: 07791 603 668.

Contact Magazine

We are planning to produce an Easter edition of *Contact* magazine and you still have time to submit an article. To submit something, please contact the church office via email.

CHISLEHURST Methodist Church

Labyrinth Experience

Prince Imperial Road BR7 5LX



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

OPEN:

Sunday 13th 12noon - 3pm, family friendly

Monday 14th 10 am - 2pm

Tuesday 15th 10 am - 2pm

Wednesday 16th closed

Thursday 17th 10 am - 2pm

Friday 18th 12noon - 2pm then Good Friday worship at 3pm

Saturday 19th 10am - 2pm, family friendly

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Lent Bible Study: Let Justice Flow, a Study Course by Rev Richard Grocott
Study Three: Tough love in the book of Amos

Fri 28th March, 10am -11am, Wesley Room, Chislehurst MC

Course link <https://www.methodistlondon.org.uk/let-justice-flow-a-lent-course>

Zoom Safeguarding Training – Foundation Module:

26th March, 7-9.30pm, to book: [widmorecircuit@gmail.com/07835 809967](mailto:widmorecircuit@gmail.com/07835809967)

Widmore Methodist Circuit - Maundy Thursday Communion Service

17th April 2025, 7.30pm, Petts Wood Methodist Church, BR5 1EB

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: 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. Nicholas Church



Pastoral Support Contacts

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

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