



Sunday 6th April 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 of thanks for God's goodness

Holy and gracious God,
by way of creation, you have brought us into being.
By way of the cross, you have brought us into your kingdom.
By way of the resurrection you have restored us to life.

Macrina, deaconess and teacher (c. 329-379)

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Order of Service

Preacher: Maggie Ayres

Welcome and call to worship

Hymn StF 503: Love Divine

Prayers of adoration and confession

Hymn StF 424: God forgave my sin

First Reading: Philippians 3: 4b-14

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even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Pressing towards the Goal

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Comment

Hymn StF 691: What shall our greeting be

Second Reading: John 12: 1-8

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Mary Anoints Jesus

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Sermon

Hymn StF 693: Beauty for brokenness

Prayers for others

Offering

Hymn StF 745: For all the Saints

Blessing

Next Service: Sunday 13th April - Rev'd Duncan MacBean

NOTICES

The Walk of Witness will be held on Good Friday 18th April. Meeting at 9.30am at the Methodist Church and setting off at 10am to walk down the Hight Street to the Garden Room for a short service.

The Widmore Circuit Good Friday service will take place here at Chislehurst at 3.00pm and will be followed by cakes and drinks. **We need our members to provide the cakes – homemade would be lovely but all cakes accepted.** Your contributions can be brought to church at any time on Good Friday before 3.00pm – perhaps when you join the Walk of Witness in the morning.

Monday Focus 7th April

Monday Focus will be gathering in the Church sanctuary at 12.45 pm for a short Lent reflection and Holy Communion lead by Rev Hannah. . As this is the season of Lent it will be an opportunity to pause and reflect.

There is a Sandwich lunch and other refreshments ,cost £10 pp afterwards.

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.

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

Lent Bible Study: Let Justice Flow, a Study Course by Rev Richard Grocott

Study Five: Visions of judgement and justice

Study Six: Hope for a better world

Fri 11th April, 10am -11am, Wesley Room, Chislehurst MC

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

The Labyrinth Experience

Here at Chislehurst MC during Holy Week 2025, Sun 13th – Sat 19th April.

See poster on noticeboard for times.

Widmore Methodist Circuit - Maundy Thursday Communion Service

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

Easter Sunday, 20th April

Morning Worship with Holy Communion at 10.30am led by Rev'd Hannah.

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

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 and pray for all of those that have died in the month of April.

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, Jeanne Pearce (a loyal member of Monday Focus). 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 Church of the Annunciation.



Pastoral Support Contacts

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

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