

# Sunday 11th May 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 presence

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.

Croft House Theology Study Group, Fair Isle, Shetland

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# **Order of Service**

Preacher: Rev'd Hannah

**Holy Communion Service** 

Christian Aid Week 11th-17th May 2025

Steward's Welcome

Introduction

Call to worship

Hymn (STF) 503 Love Divine

**Opening Prayer** 

Prayer of confession

A prayer for Christian Aid Week 2025

First Reading: Acts 9:36-43

## Peter in Lydda and Joppa

<sup>36</sup> Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. [a] She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. 38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' 39 So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. 40 Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. 41 He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. 42 This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. 43 Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner

Second Reading: John 10:22-30

## Jesus Is Rejected by the Jews

<sup>22</sup> At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, <sup>[a]</sup> tell us plainly.' <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>[b]</sup> <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one.'

Hymn (STF) 615 Let love be real

Reflection

Hymn (STF) 256 When I needed a neighbour

Prayers of intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing the Offering

Holy Communion

Hymn (STF) 706 Longing for light, we wait in darkness

## Next Service:

Sunday 18th May, 10:30am – Rev'd Derek Stanworth

#### **NOTICES**

## **Christian Solidarity Worldwide**

Prayer meeting after service and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May. All welcome.

### Monday Focus 12th May 2025

Just a reminder for all of you who have tickets for the Monday Focus buffet lunch and harp recital we shall be meeting in the church sanctuary at 12.45 pm onwards. There will be a buffet meal first followed by Margaret Watson's harp recital and informal talk. It will be an interesting afternoon.

Rosemary 07791603668

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11-17 May 2025

**Christian Aid Week** 

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **Junior Church**

There will be a Junior Church Sessions normally first Sunday of the month.

Don't forget to put the dates in your diary: 1<sup>st</sup> June and 6<sup>th</sup> of July.

For more information contact: Ann Pompei Tel. 07794 880119



## **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

#### **M**EMORIAL 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 May.

#### **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. Monica Faux, who ran Monday Focus at one time.

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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