



Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> of June 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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**A prayer for unity**

Let us be one, O Lord, in our praise of you, one in our prayers to you, one in our love for you and one through Christ, in our coming to you.

Ignatius of Antioch (c. 35-c. 107)

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sheet home with you

## Order of Service

**Preacher: Rev Hannah**

Steward's Welcome

Call to Worship —

**Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

<sup>12</sup> 'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.'

<sup>14</sup> **Blessed are those who wash their robes,<sup>[a]</sup> so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.**

<sup>16</sup> 'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.'

<sup>17</sup> **The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.'  
And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.'  
And let everyone who is thirsty come.  
Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.**

<sup>20</sup> The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.'

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

<sup>21</sup> **The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.**

First Scripture Reading:

## **Acts 16: 16-34**

### **Paul and Silas in Prison**

<sup>16</sup> One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup> While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you<sup>[a]</sup> a way of salvation.' <sup>18</sup> She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup> But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup> When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup> and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' <sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup> After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup> Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup> When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself,

for we are all here.’ <sup>29</sup> The jailer<sup>[b]</sup> called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> Then he brought them outside and said, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’ <sup>31</sup> They answered, ‘Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.’ <sup>32</sup> They spoke the word of the Lord<sup>[c]</sup> to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup> He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

*Hymn (STF) 167 Colours of day dawn into the mind*

Second Scripture Reading:

## **John 17: 20-26**

<sup>20</sup> ‘I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us,<sup>[a]</sup> so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

<sup>25</sup> ‘Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.’

Sermon

*Hymn (StF) 365 Jesu, the joy of loving hearts*

Prayers of Intercession

Blessing the Offering

Holy Communion

*Hymn (STF) 345 And can it be*

Benediction and Dismissal

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Next Service:

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 10:30am – Deacon Laura MacBean

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## NOTICES

# Join the team!

- Communion Steward
- Sound desk volunteer

Support and training provided.  
Please ask the Stewards for more details or  
email the church office:  
chislehurstmch@gmail.com

### Monday Focus 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Monday Focus will be meeting in the Wesley Room at 12.45 pm. There will be a light lunch and refreshments cost £10pp. The Rev Christine Latham will be leading the meeting with a Pentecost discussion and activity.

All welcome All are welcome.

Rosemary 07791603668

### Junior Church

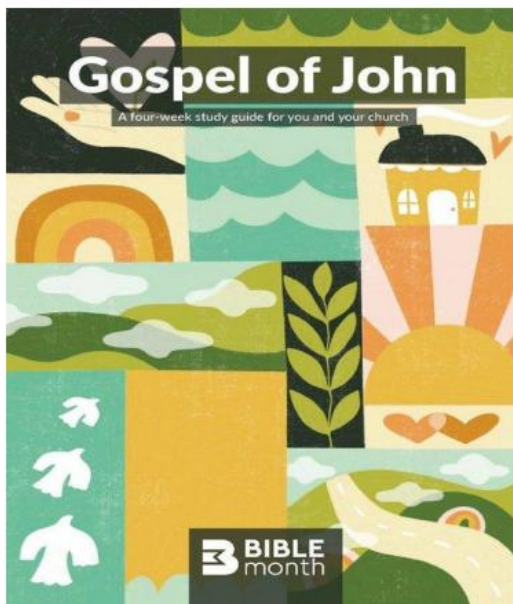
There will be a Junior Church Session today and every first Sunday of the month.  
For more information contact: Ann Pompei Tel. 07794 8801

### CSW PRAYER MEETING SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE AFTER SERVICE

## A BIBLE STUDY ON JOHN'S GOSPEL

CELEBRATING Bible Month IN JUNE, 2025

**FRI 10AM - 11AM** CHISLEHURST METHODIST CHURCH - WESLEY ROOM



6 JUNE - EMBRACING GOD AND ALL REALITY

13 JUNE - SIGNS, CONVERSATIONS AND CONTROVERSY

20 JUNE - JESUS' DISCIPLESHIP COURSE

27 JUNE - 'THE HOUR' AND THE RESURRECTION AND OUR DRAMA

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

We would love for you to join us ON FRIDAY MORNING for an hour over COFFEE/TEA.

*This Bible Month reveals that the love of Jesus – overflowing and life-giving – is as present today as it was in John's time, drawing us into the same superabundant, transformative life in God.*

**JOIN US BEFORE THE SUMMER BREAK THIS YEAR.**



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Methodist Safeguarding Training

Foundation Modules on Zoom, Thursday 12th June 2025 7-9:30pm.

To book a place, please email your full name, church, role and circuit name to the circuit administrator: widmorecircuit@gmail.com or leave a message with your details on 07835 809967

### EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) Training

See poster on noticeboard for more details re who should attend.

11<sup>th</sup> 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 June.*

***Dennis Austin McBrearty** Born: 11<sup>th</sup> June 1930, Died: 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020*

***Lizzie (Bet) Pott** Born: 24<sup>th</sup> January 1900, Died: June 1985*

## 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 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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