

# Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025 Chislehurst Methodist Church

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# Thank You to the Members and Friends of Chislehurst Methodist Church!

Thanks and blessings to all of you who served our church congregation during the Connexional Year. We are grateful for the practical help, warm hospitality and generous welcome that you have brought to our church community and beyond, making this a year with special meaning to all of us.

Thank you for your service to God as you continue sharing your gifts, talents and passions. We look forward to your ongoing support.

God bless you,

Rev. Nannah Faal-Neim

# A prayer for God's mercy

By the sorrow you suffered when all the powers of your heart failed you, O Jesus have mercy on us. In our days of darkness help us and in our hours of weakness strengthen us that we do not lose hold of you in this life, nor fail to enjoy you in the life of the world to come. Amen.

Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373)

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# **Order of Service**

**Preacher: Chris Price** 

Welcome by Steward

Call to Worship

Hymn 462 Come with me come wonder come welcome the world

Prayers inc. The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 28 Jesus calls us here to meet him

Readings

Hebrews 11: 29 - 12.2

### The Faith of Other Israelite Heroes

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, <sup>[a]</sup> because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup> And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, <sup>[b]</sup> they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—<sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

## The Example of Jesus

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

## Luke 12: 32 – 40

<sup>32</sup> 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

## **Watchful Slaves**

<sup>35</sup> 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup> 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he<sup>[a]</sup> would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Hymn 611 Brother sister let me serve you

## **Address**

Hymn 443 Come let us sing of a wonderful Love, tender and true

Offertory taken during the hymn Prayers of intercession Hymn 345 And can it be

Blessing

# Next Service:

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August, 10:30am – Rev Hannah

### **NOTICES**

## Join the team!

- Communion Steward
- Sound desk volunteers

Support and training provided.

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

# Monday Focus 18th August

There will be a Monday Focus next Monday at 12.45. Sandwich lunch. All welcome
Rosemary 07791603668

- CSW Prayer meeting Sunday 24th August after service.
- Church Council Meeting: change of date: 23.9.25, 20:00 21:30.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING
FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER
0900 - 1300
@CHISLEHURST METHODIST CHURCH



### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

## Thursday 21st August

A dementia friendly café-style worship service, 10.30am-12pm Bromley Methodist Church, BR1 1SB

## Thursday 4th September

Welcome service for Rev'd Eric Bediako. Refreshments form 6pm. Service at 7.30pm. Orpington Methodist Church, BR6 9JH

#### **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 August.

**Rev'd Geoffrey Fletcher** Born: 28<sup>th</sup> March 1933, Died: 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 A loved and respected minister of this church from 1992 to 1997.

Robert Raymond Victor Woollett

Born: 18th December 1948, Died: 6th August 2006

Edith May Fancett

Born: 20th June 1911, Died: 12th August 2010

Peggy Smith

Born: 7<sup>th</sup> April 1926, Died: 29<sup>th</sup> August 2012

#### **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, Pam Wallace, Jeanne Pearce, Monica Faux, Brenda McBearty, Eileen and John Lidinson, Christine Pott. 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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