



Sunday 31<sup>st</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. Hannah Faal-Heim*

## 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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## **Order of Service**

**Preacher: Sue Cope**

**Call to worship**

**1<sup>st</sup> Hymn StF 88** Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the King of creation

**Time of Prayer: approach and adoration**

**Confession & Absolution**

***We resume our said prayers with one of Praise***

**Introduction to OT reading**

**OT Reading:** Genesis 18:1-15

### **A Son Promised to Abraham and Sarah**

**18** The LORD appeared to Abraham<sup>[a]</sup> by the oaks<sup>[b]</sup> of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup> He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup> Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' <sup>6</sup> And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures<sup>[c]</sup> of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' <sup>7</sup> Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup> Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup> They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' <sup>10</sup> Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. <sup>11</sup> Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' <sup>13</sup> The LORD said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?"' <sup>14</sup> Is anything too wonderful for

the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.’ <sup>15</sup> But Sarah denied, saying, ‘I did not laugh’; for she was afraid. He said, ‘Oh yes, you did laugh.’

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Hymn: StF 91 Vs 1,3,5 The God of Abram praise**

### **Introduction to Epistle reading**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Hymn StF 370** Breathe on me breath of God

### **Introduction to the Gospel reading**

**Gospel Reading:** John 14: 8-17 + 25-27

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me<sup>[a]</sup> for anything, I will do it.

## **The Promise of the Holy Spirit**

<sup>15</sup> ‘If you love me, you will keep<sup>[b]</sup> my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,<sup>[c]</sup> to be with you for ever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in<sup>[d]</sup> you.

<sup>25</sup> ‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate,<sup>[a]</sup> the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

## Reflection/sermon

4<sup>th</sup> Hymn StF 398 There's a Spirit in the air

Collection Prayer and Intercessory Prayer

762 Lord's prayer (*Sung*)

5<sup>th</sup> Hymn StF 409 Let us build a house where love can dwell

Blessing

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### Next Service:

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept, 10:30am – Rev Hannah – Holy Communion

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## NOTICES

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### **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](mailto:chislehurstmch@gmail.com)

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### **Monday Focus -1st September**

Monday Focus will be meeting in the Wesley room at 12.45pm onwards.

There will be a sandwich lunch and other refreshments( £10 PP).

Sue Cope will be leading with the topic 'New places / New beginnings'. Please bring your own experiences of change to share with the group.

All welcome

Rosemary 07791603668

- **Alternative Church email**, please save this on your contacts/safe senders list as we will gradually move onto using this email only.

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- **Church Council Meeting: change of date: 23.9.25, 20:00 – 21:30.**

### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

**FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**1030 – 1200**

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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: 18<sup>th</sup> December 1948, Died: 6<sup>th</sup> August 2006*

**Edith May Fancett**

*Born: 20<sup>th</sup> June 1911, Died: 12<sup>th</sup> August 2010*

**Peggy Smith**

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

**Geoffrey Lynton Cope**

*Born: 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1946, Died: 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024*

## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those of our church community who are unwell or who have need for our prayers: Julie Covill, 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 Ichtus Christian Fellowship.



### Pastoral Support Contacts

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

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