

# Sunday 21st December 2025 Chislehurst Methodist Church

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# Dear Chislehurst Methodist Church members and friends,

#### Welcome

Thank you for coming this evening. In the name of Christ I welcome you to the Chislehurst Methodist Church's Christmas Carol service.

We have come together as Christmas draws near to prepare for our celebration of the birth of Jesus, God's only beloved Son. At Christmas, we hear again the story of Mary and Joseph and their journey to Bethlehem, we hear the song of the angels and the multitude of the heavenly host as they sing glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace to all. Through the readings, prayer and songs, let us hear again the wonderful nativity story. Love at Christmas....

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God.... In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. First letter of John 4:7-11; Gospel of John 13:35

Remember... To pray for someone is a gift.

## Reverend Hannah Faal-Neim







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Please take this notice sheet home with you

## **Order of Service**

Preacher: Rev Hannah Faal-Heim

Stewards Welcome

Advent Liturgy 4 & Lighting of our Advent candles by Brownies and Guides

Carol: StF 214 Once in Royal David's City

Bidding Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Carol: StF 216 See him laying on a bed of straw

**Reading: Isaiah 9: 2,6,7** by Caleb Samuel

Carol: StF 218 Unto us a child is born

**Reading: Micah 5: 2-4** by Naomi Samuel

Carol: StF 213 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Reading: Luke 1: 26-38 by Mrs Ann Pompeii

Carol: StF 208 Starry Night

**Reading: Luke 1: 39–45** by Mrs Rosemary Hughes

Carol: Ding Dong Merrily on high

**Reading: Love Came Down at Christmas - Christina Rossetti** by Satu Francis

Carol: StF 217 Silent night

Reading: Luke 2.1-20 by Roger Dawe

Carol: StF 191 Away in a manger

**Reading: John 1.1-14** by Cllr Gemma Turell, Deputy Mayor of Bromley

Lighting the Christmas candle by Amy Stevenson

Prayer and Blessing

Carol: StF 330 Joy to the world

# Thank you for joining us for this service. All are welcome to stay for refreshments and mince pies in the hall.

Next service at Chislehurst Methodist will be our Covenant service:

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026, 10.30am – Rev Hannah – Holy Communion

Please note that the Junior Church will meet on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Please give generously to the retiring collection for Bromley Brighter Beginnings after the service.



A contactless donation point is available at the entrance.

#### **NOTICES**

We report with sadness that

Brenda McBrearty,

a much valued member of the church family, died last Monday 15th December. Details of her funeral arrangements will follow in due course.



#### **Monday Focus 22nd December**

Monday Focus will be meeting in the Wesley Room at 12.45 pm. There will be a pre-Christmas social with food, drinks, carols and games. Cost £10 pp.

Please do join us for a fun afternoon.

Rosemary 07791603668

There will be no Monday Focus meeting the week of 29th December 2025. Monday Focus will be meeting once more on the 5th January 2026.



# Come and celebrate the season with us - you're warmly invited to every event!

# Christmas services in Widmore Methodist Circuit Christmas Eve Services • Nativity – 4pm (Orpington) • Nativity – 4pm (Bromley Common) • Communion – 11:15pm (Bromley) 28th December – 10:30am • Circuit Service – Join us at Orpington or Emmanuel 31st December – 10:30pm • Watchnight Service at Freeman Ghanaian

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

Please see the Churches Together leaflet for all the Christmas services locally.

The Christmas decorations will be taken down on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Please join us to lend a hand if you can from 9.30am.

#### **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 who have died in the month of December.

#### Rev'd Harold Wood

Born: 28th June 1915, Died: 1st December 1993

# Annie May Chapman

Born: 22nd March 1941, Died: 16th December 2017

# Alice Florence Rhoda Crowther

Born: 13th July 1942, Died: 21st December 1989

#### Maisie Mitchell

Born: 21st March 1917, Died: 21st December 2013

## Rev'd Douglas Maw

Born: 12th June 1927, Died: 23rd December 2022

## Edward Battarbee

Born: 5<sup>th</sup> March 1943, Díed: 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

#### **WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

Those of our church community who are unwell or who have need for our prayers: Jumoke and Elizabeth Olabode, Kathryn Paszylk who is recovering after breaking a leg in a fall. John Sennett, Janet Woollett, Pam Wallace, Jeanne Pearce, Monica Faux, Christine Pott and John Lidinson. All our friends who are in care homes.

As part of the fellowship of Churches Together in Chislehurst and Bickley; this week we pray for St. Mary's Church.



#### **Pastoral Support Contacts**

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

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