



Sunday 22nd February 2026
Chislehurst Methodist Church

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Dear Chislehurst Methodist Church members and friends,

Welcome

Welcome to Chislehurst Methodist Church today. If you are here with young children or babies, please ask a steward for a children's activity. New visitors are especially welcome, please ask a steward for more information.

Praying for the Chislehurst Methodist Church Community

This week's prayer focus for the Chislehurst Methodist Church Community is printed at the back of this notice sheet. This week we also pray for all the children and their carers using the facilities at the church.

Sunday Coffee and light refreshment

The Friends of Chislehurst Methodist Church have organised and served the coffee, tea and soft drinks and light refreshments after the 10.30am Sunday Service each week for many years. All are welcome to come in and to meet people from the congregation.

God bless you richly, *Rev Hannah Faal-Heim*



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Order of Service

Preacher: Alison Driscoll

Call to Worship

StF 818 Psalm 95 Venite

Lent Liturgy – Week One

Hymn StF 21 – Born in song

Prayers of Approach

Collect for first Sunday in lent

Hymn StF 334 Praise to the Holiest in the Height

StF 154 – to be read

OT Reading Genesis 2: 7-17 and 3:1-7

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⁷ then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground,^[a] and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. ⁸ And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰ A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. ¹¹ The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; ¹² and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³ The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴ The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

The First Sin and Its Punishment

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' **2** The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; **3** but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" **4** But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; **5** for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God,^[a] knowing good and evil.' **6** So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. **7** Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Gospel Matthew 4: 1-11

The Temptation of Jesus

4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. **2** He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. **3** The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' **4** But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, **6** saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you",
and "On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

⁷ Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' "

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹ and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.' "

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Hymn StF 238 Lead us Heavenly Father Lead Us

Message

Hymn StF 531 What a Friend we have in Jesus

Prayers of Response

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Hymn StF 563 O Jesus I have promised

Blessing

Next service:

Sunday 1st March 2026, 10.30am – Deacon Laura MacBean – Junior Church

NOTICES

Monday Focus 23rd February

Monday Focus will be meeting in the Wesley Room at 12.45 pm .There will be a light lunch £10 pp per person. Sue Gilder will be leading with a talk about her calling as a hospital chaplain. All are welcome to our meeting.

Rosemary 07791603668

The Mabomboh Education Project - An update on an event

As a church we have always supported the project - set up by Evelyn and Iain Maclean - by providing funds for the staff salaries.

Iain Maclean intended to run a half-marathon last November to raise money for staff housing for the Mabomboh school teachers. An injury meant that this was not possible but he is determined to try again, especially as he had already raised £500 on Just Giving. He now plans to run the Battersea Park half-marathon on the 7th March. If you would like to make a donation to give him more encouragement, please see printed copies of the charity's bank details available in the office or on the piano in the church.

Cash donations can also be accepted – Please hand these to Elaine Battarbee.

Open meeting to discuss ideas about plans for the future of our church,

Thursday 26th February 2026, 7.30pm at Chislehurst Methodist Church



Lent Course 2026: A Methodist Way of Life

In person - led by Rev Hannah Faal - Heim

Chislehurst Methodist Church 10:00-11:30am

Mottingham Methodist Church 5-6:30pm

Week 1: **Friday 20 February**

Week 2: **Friday 27 February**

Week 3: **Friday 6 March**

Week 4: **Friday 13 March**

Week 5: **Friday 20 March**

Zoom meetings

7:15-8:30pm

Led by Deacon Laura MacBean

Week 1: **Tues 24 Feb**

Week 2: **Mon 2 March**

Week 3: **Thurs 12**

March

Week 4: **Tues 17 March**

Week 5: **Mon 23 March**

To register for Zoom meetings, please email laura.macbean@methodist.org.uk
To attend in person, please email bishophcfaalheim@gmail.com or call 07446949155

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CSW Meeting NOT on Sunday 22nd February after service.
Next date will be announced in due course.

EDI And Safeguarding Training Q & A Sessions on Zoom

Deacon Laura MacBean will be doing in person training at the church after service on Sunday 1st March. Please contact the office if you wish to attend.
Please see posters on the notice board for Zoom dates.

World Day of Prayer

This year's service for the World Day of Prayer has been prepared by Christian women of Nigeria. We shall join with other local churches to celebrate the service together at **St Patrick's church on the High Street at 11.00 am on Friday 6th March.**

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 February.*

David Gifford Temple

Born: 11th May 1923, Died: 5th February 2015

Barbara Ellen Plummer

Born: 4th February 1915, Died: 9th February 2017

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 Paszyk, John Sennett, 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. George's Church, Bickley.



Pastoral Support Contacts

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

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