



Sunday 22nd March 2026
Chislehurst Methodist Church

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Dear Chislehurst Methodist Church members and friends,

WELCOME TO CHISLEHURST METHODIST CHURCH

March 2026

Hello to our Chislehurst family and friends, and community. We are very pleased to welcome you here in church today, whether you are only visiting for the first time, or come every week or only 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.

We invite you and your family to participate in our Holy Week activities and meditations and experience our - LABYRINTH LIVE - as part of your journey with God. We also have family friendly activities planned.

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



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Order of Service

Preacher: Rev Duncan MacBean

Welcome

Lent Liturgy

Opening Prayer

Hymn Christ, our King before creation (StF 318)

Scripture: Ezekiel 37: 1-14

The dry bones of Israel

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.

He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry.

He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know."

Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.

I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live."

I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.'

Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel.

And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people.

I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

Scripture: Romans 8: 6-11

Life in the Spirit

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed, it cannot,

and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Scripture: John 11: 1-45

The raising of Lazarus

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill.

So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill."

But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus,

after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?"

Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world.

But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them."

After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him."

The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right."

Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep.

Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead.

For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.

Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away,

and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home.

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,

and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you."

And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.

Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him.

The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.

He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see."

Jesus began to weep.

So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.

Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days."

Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"

So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me.

I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."

When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

Hymn I know that my Redeemer lives (StF 303)

Sermon

Prayers of intercession

The Lord's prayer

Hymn When listening prophets dare to speak (StF 163)

The Peace

The Offering

Communion

Hymn The King of love my shepherd is (StF 479)

Benediction

Next service:

Sunday 29th March 2026, 10.30am – Rev Hannah Faal-Heim

NOTICES

Monday Focus 23rd March

Do join us at Monday Focus for a tasty lunch and other refreshments. The cost is £10pp. We meet at 12.45pm in the Wesley room and finish at approximately 2.45pm. We meet every Monday of the year except for Easter Bank Holiday Monday or if Christmas or New Years' day clashes with a Monday. We are a friendly welcoming group with a variety of activities. There are plenty of people to meet and fun to be had. This week we shall be crafting for springtime and updating the notice board in our meeting room.

Let us know if you would be interested in coming along.

All are welcome.

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Journeying with God

ACTIVITIES FOR THE HOLY WEEK
LABYRINTH LIVE
AT CHISLEHURST METHODIST CHURCH

Palm Sunday 29th March
Sunday service at 10.30am, followed by refreshments.

Monday 30th March
Evening Meditation 5-7pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday

Tuesday 31st March
Exploring your experience with meditation and prayer. 10.30-1230 & 1300-1500

Wednesday 1st April
Acts of kindness - THE BIG DRAW - Family friendly. 10.30-1230 & 1300-1500

Thursday 2nd April
Family Day, music, activities and refreshments, 10.30-1230 & 1300-1500.

Good Friday 3rd April
Church is open. Walk of Witness starts here at 10am with refreshments after.

Saturday 4th April
Walking the labyrinth, meditation and prayers. 10.30-1230 & 1300-1500

Easter Sunday 5th April
Easter Sunday Family Service 10.30am - Holy Communion - Refreshments



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CSW, Christian Solidarity Worldwide Meeting is on Sunday 22nd March after the service.

EDI And Safeguarding Training Q & A Sessions on Zoom

Please see posters on the notice board for Zoom dates, these are also attached to the weekly email.

The Walk of Witness will be held on Good Friday 3rd April.

Meeting at 9.30am here at the Methodist Church and setting off at 10am to walk down the Hight Street. We will return here for refreshments.

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 March.*

Leonard George Towers

Born: 22nd April 1912, Died: 5th March 1988

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, Lea Adekola 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 Ichthus Christian Fellowship.



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