



Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
**Chislehurst Methodist Church**

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*Dear Chislehurst Methodist Church members and friends,*

**WELCOME**

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 at Chislehurst Methodist Church. We hope you will find yourself at home here amongst us.

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



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# Order of Service

**Preacher: Rev Eric Bediako**

Welcome/Call to Worship

*First hymn: StF295 Alleluia, alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord*

Open Prayers

Setting the scene

*Second Hymn: StF401 Come, sinners, to the gospel feast*

**Epistle Reading – 1 Peter 1:3-9**

## **A Living Hope**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice,<sup>[a]</sup> even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Although you have not seen<sup>[b]</sup> him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*Third hymn: StF296 Christ has risen while earth slumbers*

**Gospel Reading John 20:19-31**

## **Jesus Appears to the Disciples**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on

them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

## **Jesus and Thomas**

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin<sup>[a]</sup>), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

## **The Purpose of This Book**

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe<sup>[b]</sup> that Jesus is the Messiah,<sup>[c]</sup> the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

### **Sermon**

Offertory

*Fourth hymn: StF629 God of my faith, I offer you my doubt*

Intercessory Prayers

Notices

*Final hymn: StF782 Thuma mina (Send me, Lord)*

Benediction/Dismissal

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Next service:

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026, 10.30am – Rev David Gilman

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## NOTICES

### Monday Focus 13<sup>th</sup> April

We shall be meeting in the Wesley Room at 12.45 pm. There will be an enjoyable cooked lunch, £10 pp, followed by a social.

Please do let Sharon or myself know if you wish to attend as this is helpful for catering purposes.

Everyone is most welcome

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## *A prayer for peace and justice*

*Come as a dove flying  
over still waters of hope,  
putting peace into the hearts of people  
who would wage war.*

*Come to the captives and the refugees.  
Comfort all people who wait for freedom  
and all people who wait for them to be free.*

*Come as the sound of silence  
to hear the cries of people whose lives  
are limited by gender-based violence  
and domination. Stir up the hearts  
of all who abuse their power and privilege.*

*Come as flames of justice  
to a world where children are hungry;  
a world ripped apart by untruths and greed.*

*Come as water cascading down a mountain  
washing away the inequities of wealth and poverty.  
Come change the story.  
Come Holy Spirit, come now.*

*Amen.*



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### 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.

## 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 April.*

### *Jane Cowie*

*Born: 15<sup>th</sup> October 1974, Died: 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020*

### *Arthur Frank Hayes*

*Born: 13<sup>th</sup> June 1921, Died: 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020*

### *Lawrence J. Wallace (Larry)*

*Born: 20<sup>th</sup> October 1933, Died: 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022*

## 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. Patrick's Church.



### Pastoral Support Contacts

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

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