



Sunday 19th 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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sheet home with you

Order of Service

Preacher: Rev David Gilman

Call to Worship

HYMN 296. Christ has risen while earth slumbers



Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sung)



Prayer

*HYMN 45. Earth's creator (vs.1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11)
Tune of Saltash (StF197)*



READING. Luke 24: 13-35. The road to Emmaus.

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[a] from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad.^[b] ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' ¹⁹ He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth,^[c] who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.^[d] Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' ²⁵ Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah^[e] should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' ²⁷ Then

beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us^[f] while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

HYMN 728. O God, you search me and you know me



Reading: Cleopas

There were two of us,
walking together,
walking away from it all;
walking and talking,
no.... more than talking....
arguing,
arguing and almost falling out.
We agreed on what had happened,
we knew what had happened,
we were there.
But what did it mean?
The kind of revolution we wanted
was not what we were given.

And if he had set Israel free,
why was he not around
to proclaim its liberation?
So, it was good to have the company of a stranger,
who was as interested in things as we were.
It was good to have somebody
make sense of our confusion,
draw together the loose threads we had forgotten.
Though it wasn't until we sat down together
to share a meal,
that our confusion really ended.
He broke the bread
and our eyes were opened.

(Stages on the Way)

(Wild Goose Publications)

REFLECTION

Prayers for Others

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN 485. When we are living, we are in the Lord



Blessing



Next service:

Sunday 26th April 2026, 10.30am – Joan Mayes

NOTICES

Monday Focus 20th April

The meeting will start at 12.45pm with a light lunch and refreshments; cost £10pp. We are pleased that Rev Duncan MacBean will be with us to lead the meeting. Please do join us.
Rosemary 07791603668

HAPPY NEW TAX YEAR (it began at the beginning of April).

The application for repayment of tax through the Gift Aid scheme will be put together in the next few weeks.

If I claim Gift Aid in your name – I can easily check for you – and you have changed your PERMANENT address in the last 12 months, please get in touch with me so that I can update my paperwork for HMRC. This is a good time of year to review your income tax position, to be sure that, if your personal circumstances have changed substantially, you still paid enough tax for it to be reclaimed by the church and any other charities that you may have signed forms for. You do keep a list don't you...?

Gillian Beecher Bryant, Gift Aid Secretary, 07770 917 502

A prayer for wisdom and strength

Each day and each night, may the wisdom of the Wonderful Counsellor guide us, the strength of the Mighty God defend us, the love of the Everlasting Father enfold us and the blessing of the Prince of Peace rest upon us. Amen.

Based on Isaiah of Jerusalem (eighth century BC)

It is with sadness that we share the news that Rev Anthony (Tony) Windsor passed away in hospital on Tuesday evening at the age of 93.

He will be greatly missed for his warmth, good cheer, and enthusiasm in sharing the gospel.

We hold his wife Margaret, their three daughters, their partners, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in our love and prayers at this time.

Funeral details will be shared when they become available.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Circuit have a number of exciting events coming up over the next few months, and would love for you to be part of them.

April 18th April – New Eltham Murder Mystery Event 21st April – The Bible Course, 7:30–9:00pm at Bromley	May 16th May – New Eltham Strictly Come Dancing Event
June 6th June – LPWL Away Day 27th June – New Eltham Quiz Night	July 12th July – Service of Farewell and Thanks

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: 15th October 1974, Died: 5th April 2020

Arthur Frank Hayes

Born: 13th June 1921, Died: 22nd April 2020

Lawrence J. Wallace (Larry)

Born: 20th October 1933, Died: 25th 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 Churches Together Committee.



Pastoral Support Contacts

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