

Order of Service

Preacher: Rev Janet Verrier – Holy Communion

Welcome & Notices – **Action for Children Sunday**



Call to Worship: Psalm 119: 105-108

Your word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path.

I will keep my solemn promise to obey your just instructions.

My sufferings, Lord, are terrible indeed; keep me alive, as you have promised.

Accept my prayer of thanks, O Lord, and teach me your commands.

Hymn: 101 Before the world began

Prayers of Praise and Thanks

Bible reading: Genesis 25: 19-34

The Birth and Youth of Esau and Jacob

¹⁹ These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, ²⁰ and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹ Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²² The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?'^[a] So she went to inquire of the LORD. ²³ And the LORD said to her,

'Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger.'

²⁴ When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵ The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. ²⁶ Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob.^[b] Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

²⁷ When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. ²⁸ Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Esau Sells His Birthright

²⁹ Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. ³⁰ Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.^[c]) ³¹ Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' ³² Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' ³³ Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.'^[d] So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴ Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Hymn: 434 Rock of ages, cleft for me

Young at heart challenge: A classroom scene

Hymn 409 Let us build a house where love can dwell

Prayers of Intercession and for the Offering

Bible Reading: Matthew 13: 1-9 & 18-23

The Parable of the Sower

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ Let anyone with ears^[a] listen!'

The Parable of the Sower Explained

¹⁸ 'Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately

receives it with joy; ²¹ yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.^[a] ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Hymn: 124 For the fruits of all creation

Message: Distractions

Prayer of commitment

Communion : Pg 179

Hymn: 250 Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult

Benediction

Next Service:

Sunday 19th July 2026, 10.30am – Rev Duncan MacBean

NOTICES

Monday Focus 13th July -Two course meal

On Monday 13th July Monday Focus will be meeting in the Wesley room at 12.45pm There will be a two course meal cost £10 pp and a 'bring and buy'- stall (sweets and treats) in aid of Monday Focus.

Monday Focus 20th July

Andrew Dunmore the official Westminster Abbey photographer will be talking about 'photographing Westminster Abbey' This should be a very interesting afternoon.

Please do join us .

All are welcome.

Rosemary 07791603668



A date for your diary – Monday 7th September 2026

Margaret Watson will be giving another one of her wonderful Harp recitals. All are welcome to join Monday Focus that afternoon. Further details to follow.



Many thanks to those who contributed to the donations received for Methodist Homes Sunday.

The total received is £220 of which £180 is gift aided

SUNDAY 12TH JULY

It is Action for Children Sunday today. Please help Action for Children to continue being there for those who need them most. Children who struggle to find safety, stability and the chance to thrive. Families in crisis to discover hope.

There is a small Action for Children display on the noticeboard in the Courtyard. Gift Aid envelopes for your kind donations are available this week and next.



A MESSAGE FROM LATE JOAN CLEMENTS' FAMILY:

Please tell the church members and congregation that my Mum Joan Clements wished to be remembered by you all.

She was a member of your church for a very long time and had many friends at the church who knew her well.

She died last October at 105 years old.

She cherished the time she spent with the church and attended regularly every Sunday for the latter part of her life.

Many thanks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July

12th July – Service of Farewell and Thanks for Rev Duncan and Deacon Laura MacBean and celebrating Joan Mayes' 50 years of preaching. Refreshments from 4.30pm, service at 6pm at Bromley Methodist.

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 July.*

Russell Aidan Herriot

Born: 14th July 1965, Died: 4th July 1991

Dorothy O'Hanlon

Born: 27th September 1924, Died: 5th July 2014

Kathleen May Carpenter

Born: 6th March 1926, Died: 8th July 2020

Rev'd Dr David Calvert

Born: 1st July 1940, Died: 24th July 2015

Reginald Clements

Born: 4th August 1895, Died: July 1982

Minnie Pott

Born: 2nd March 1896, Died July 1995

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, Jeanne Pearce, Monica Faux, Christine Pott and John Lidinson and Ian Brentnall, who is the organist at Farringtons school.

As part of the fellowship of Churches Together in Chislehurst and Bickley, this week we pray for The Churches Together Committee.



Pastoral Support Contact

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

Elaine – 07963 869 198



Sunday 12th July 2026
Chislehurst Methodist Church

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Welcome to everyone.

Our worship this morning is led by Rev Janet Verrier.

If you are new here, please introduce yourself. We will be happy to tell you about the church and our involvement in the community

You are warmly invited to join us in the concourse after the service for coffee and a time of fellowship. This provides an opportunity to get to know one another.

A gathering prayer

Father God,

fill us with your peace and

joy as we celebrate the depth

of your love for us,

and fill us with compassion and love as we consider how we can respond to those in need around us.

Open our ears, our minds and our hearts to hear your voice today and to be guided by you about how we celebrate and share your welcome with our community.

Amen

(from the Action for Children Sunday Worship book)



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Please note that the office will be closed 21st July - 5th August for administrator's holiday.



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