



Sunday 23rd August 2026

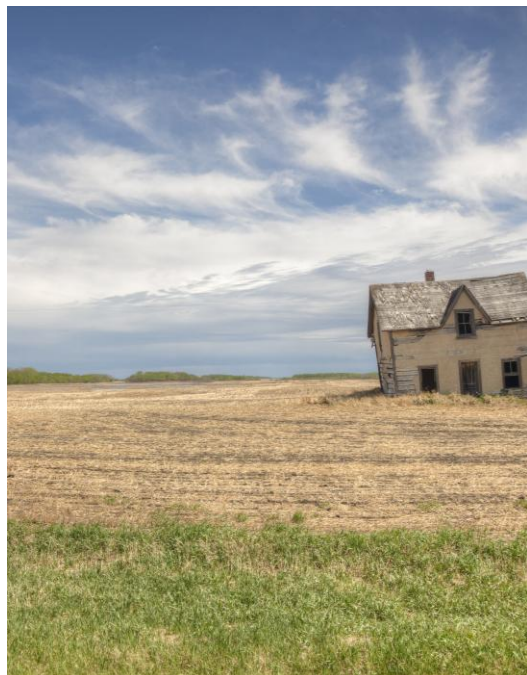
Chislehurst Methodist Church

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Welcome to everyone.



Our worship and Holy Communion this morning is led by Rev Dr Jonathan Dean, Chair of the London Methodist District.

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 prayer that God might bless our calling

To our calling, O God, grant your blessing, to our souls your strength, to our suffering your fortitude, to our darkness your light, to our faith your joy. Amen..

Benjamin Rhodes, Methodist Itinerant (1743-1815)

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Order of Service

Preacher: Rev Dr Jonathan Dean

Welcome & Notices

Call to worship

StF 116 Sing for God's glory

Prayers and 'You are Worthy'

Reading Exodus 1:8 – 2:10

The Israelites Are Oppressed

⁸ Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹ He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³ The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews^[a] you shall throw into the

Nile, but you shall let every girl live.'

Birth and Youth of Moses

2 Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. **2** The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. **3** When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. **4** His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

5 The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. **6** When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. **7** Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' **8** Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. **9** Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. **10** When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses,^[b] 'because', she said, 'I drew him out^[c] of the water.'

StF 159 Not far beyond the sea

Gospel Matthew 16: 13-20

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' **14** And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' **15** He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' **16** Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah,^[a] the Son of the living God.' **17** And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. **18** And I tell you, you are Peter,^[b] and on this rock^[c] I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will

not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was^[d] the Messiah.^[e]

Sermon

StF 668 Teach me my God and King

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

StF 594 Lord Jesus Christ

Holy Communion

StF 706 Christ be our light

Blessing and dismissal

Next Service:

Sunday 30th August 2026, 10.30am –
Led by members of our congregation

NOTICES

Monday Focus 24th August

Monday Focus will be meeting in the Wesley room at 12.45pm.

There will be a lunch, cost £10 pp. The theme is 'Holiday at Home'.

[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.



Thanks to Rev'd Janet Verrier for our Action for Children Sunday service on 12th July.

I've banked £155 + Gift Aid.

Thanks for making a difference and helping Action for Children change lives.

Christine

If you would like to help out at the Circuit service on 1st September get in touch with the CMC office.



YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO THE
WELCOME SERVICE
OF
Deacon Jessica Dalton
TUESDAY
1ST SEPTEMBER
REFRESHMENTS AT 6PM
SERVICE AT 7:30PM
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All are welcome

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MacMillan Coffee Morning - Friday 25th September, 10.30 – 12.00 at CMC

Harvest Thanksgiving - Family service - 27 September - Rev Janet Verrier

Church Anniversary and Gift Day - 4 October - Rev Karen George

Remembrance Sunday - 8th November - Joan Mayes

Christmas Tree Festival Service - Family Service 29 November - Deacon Jessica Dalton

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
that have died in the month of August.*

Rev'd Geoffrey Fletcher

Born: 28th March 1933, Died: 1st August 2022

A loved and respected minister of this church from 1992 to 1997.

Robert Raymond Victor Woollett

Born: 18th December 1948, Died: 6th August 2006

Edith May Fancett

Born: 20th June 1911, Died: 12th August 2010

Peggy Smith

Born: 7th April 1926, Died: 29th August 2012

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those of our church community who are unwell or who have need for our prayers: Sue Cope, Jumoke and Elizabeth Olabode, Kathryn Paszyk, John Sennett, Jeanne Pearce, Monica Faux, Christine Pott, John Lidinson and Tracey Large.

As part of the fellowship of Churches Together in Chislehurst and Bickley, this week we pray for St. Mary's Church.



Pastoral Support Contact

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

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