Sunday 18th October 2026

Chislehurst Methodist Church

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Welcome to everyone.

Our worship and Holy Communion this morning is led by Rev David Morris.

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.



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Order of Service

Preacher: Rev David Morris – Holy Communion

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship: Ps 24: 1-6

Hymn StF 1 All people that on earth do dwell

Prayer

StF 638 Through all the changing scenes of life

Offering prayer

Reading: Isaiah 45: 1-7

Cyrus, God's Instrument

45 Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
2 I will go before you
and level the mountains,[a]
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
3 I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
4 For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
5 I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
6 so that they may know, from the rising of the sun

and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
7 I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

Reading: Matt 22: 15-22

The Question about Paying Taxes

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. 16 So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. 20 Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' 21 They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' 22 When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Sermon

Hymn StF 101 Before the world began

Holy Communion including Intercessions

Hymn StF 558 Lord, you have come to the seashore

Benediction



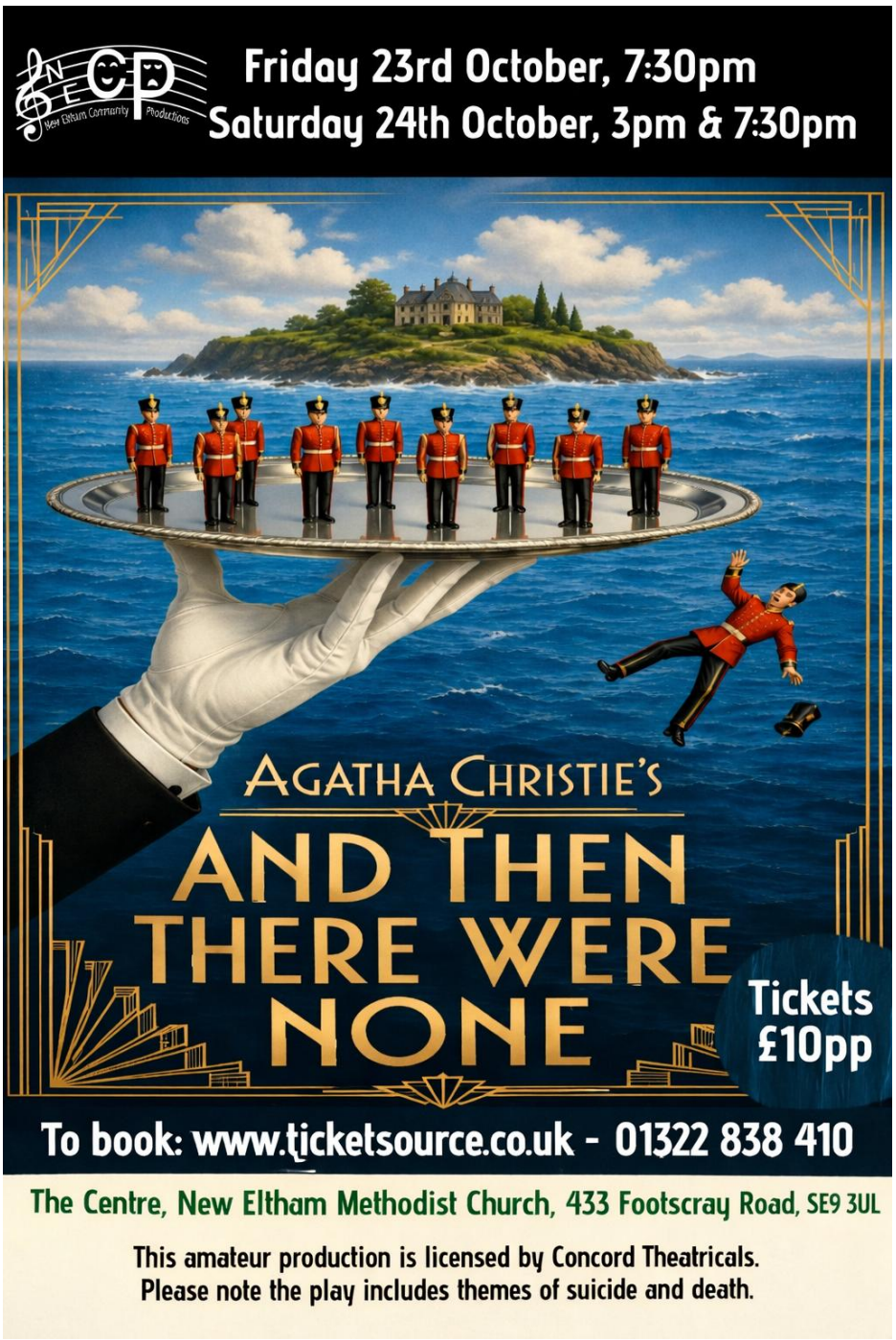
Next Service:
Sunday 25th October 2026, 10.30am – Bennie Harms

NOTICES

Monday Focus 19th October 2026
All are welcome to join the Monday Focus group in the Wesley Room at 12.45.
There will be a sandwich lunch (£10.00pp) and afterwards Gillian Beecher Bryant will lead a plant-based Sing-along – various songs featuring flowers.
For catering purposes please let Sharon know if you are unable to come or if you are bringing a guest. Tel: 07746 816 170
Gillian BB

Journeying with God

During the month of October please wear a name badge at church. This will help anyone who is new – including our minister – and those of us who struggle to remember names.
A supply of stick-on labels will be available at the door if required.



Dates For Your Diary

Remembrance Sunday - 8th November - Joan Mayes

Christmas Tree Festival – Saturday 28th November to Sunday 6th December

Christmas Tree Festival Service – Family Service – 29th November – Deacon Jessica Dalton

Christmas Carol Service – Sunday 20th December, 4pm. – Rev David Morris

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 October.

Helen Vera Towers
Born: 28th June 1911, Died: 13th October 1992

Pam Giles
Born: 16th October 1934, Died: 11th October 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 Paszylk, Jeanne Pearce, Monica Faux, Christine Pott and John Sennett.

As part of the fellowship of Churches Together in Chislehurst and Bickley, this week we pray for Ichtus Christian Fellowship.

Pastoral Support Contact

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