Sunday 15th November 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.

A prayer of thanks for light that never fails

Faithful God, thank you for the light that never fails even in seasons of darkness.
You know all that we carry, especially the moments when hope feels thin,
yet you continually meet us with gentleness and love.
Where relationships are strained, bring healing.
Where hearts are weary, breathe strength.
Where joy has faded, spark it back to life.
Help us notice the quiet gifts in each day – the people who stand with us, the love that shapes us, the grace that restores us.
May gratitude rise within us, and may we journey forwards held by your enduring love. Amen.

Helen Kirk, Chair, Chester and Stoke-on-Trent District

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Order of Service

Preacher: Rev David Morris

Call to Worship

Hymn: StF 134 Christ whose glory fills the skies

Prayer

Hymn: StF 715 The right hand of God

Offering

Reading: Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently[a] on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm.'
13 Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

The Great Day of the LORD

14 The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,

16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Reading: Matthew 25: 14-30

The Parable of the Talents

14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents,[a] to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." 21 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." 23 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25 so I

was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.”
26 But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where
I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my
money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with
interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to
all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those
who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave,
throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Sermon

Intercessions

Hymn: StF 513 Take this moment, sign and space

Holy Communion

Hymn: StF 545 Be thou my vision (Tune 526)

Blessing



Next Service:

Sunday 22nd November 2026, 10.30am – Dr Roli Degazon-Johnson

NOTICES

Monday Focus 16th November 2026

Monday Focus will meet as usual in the Wesley Room at 12.45. We shall have a light lunch (£10.00pp) before moving into the church where we shall have a feast of piano music, song and words provided by Marion Blakely

If you would like to come as a visitor and also if you usually attend but will not be coming please let Sharon know, 07757717399.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 who have died in the month of November.

Roy Herbert Rudd
Born: 19th May 1922, Died: 13th November 2005

Velma Cedecca Campbell
Born: 5th November 1934, Died: 23rd November 2015

Roland Beecher Bryant
Born: 26th May 1932, Died: 14th November 2024

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 Churches Together Committee.

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