



Sunday 18th November 2018
Chislehurst Methodist Church

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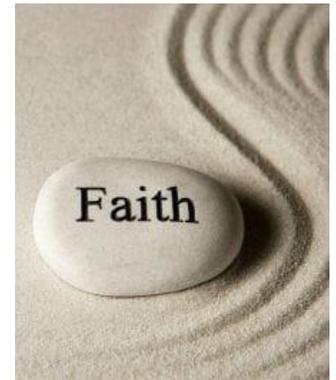
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Prayer for the week

Dear Lord, through your transforming power;
may our doubt and uncertainty become a faith that is strong;
may our ignorance change into a knowledge and understanding of your word;
may our joy at knowing you spill out into a life of witness and praise;
and may our labour for Christ help to build your kingdom on earth.

Amen.

Greg Sargent, local preacher, West Norfolk Circuit



Bromley Foodbank have launched their Christmas appeal!

They would like to receive the following items:

- Mince pies
- Various sized Christmas Puddings
- Salmon
- Pickles/Chutneys
- Christmas Biscuits/Sweets/Chocolates
- Christmas Cake/Fruit Cake
- Biscuits for Cheese
- Christmas Savoury Assortments
- Large Tinned Hams, Any other Christmas items.



These items need to be in Church by the 1st week of December please!

**Please take this notice sheet
home with you**

Sunday 18th November 10.30

Worship Leader: Mrs Helen Van Teutem

CALL TO WORSHIP

FIRST HYMN: 28 Jesus calls us here to meet him

PRAYERS

OUR THEME – FRIENDSHIP & PEACE

SECOND HYMN: 712 Put peace into each other's hands

JUNIOR CHURCH "A Peace of Drama"

THIRD HYMN: 256 When I needed a neighbour

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 20: 33-42

But Saul threw his spear at him to strike him; so Jonathan knew that it was the decision of his father to put David to death. Jonathan rose from the table in fierce anger and ate no food on the second day of the month, for he was grieved for David, and because his father had disgraced him.

In the morning Jonathan went out into the field to the appointment with David, and with him was a little boy. He said to the boy, 'Run and find the arrows that I shoot.' As the boy ran, he shot an arrow beyond him. When the boy came to the place where Jonathan's arrow had fallen, Jonathan called after the boy and said, 'Is the arrow not beyond you?' Jonathan called after the boy, 'Hurry, be quick, do not linger.' So Jonathan's boy gathered up the arrows and came to his master. But the boy knew nothing; only Jonathan and David knew the arrangement. Jonathan gave his weapons to the boy and said to him, 'Go and carry them to the city.' As soon as the boy had gone, David rose from beside the stone heap and prostrated himself with his face to the ground. He bowed three times, and they kissed each other, and wept with each other; David wept the more. Then Jonathan said to David, 'Go in peace, since both of us have sworn in the name of the Lord, saying, "The Lord shall be between me and you, and between my descendants and your descendants, for ever." ' He got up and left; and Jonathan went into the city.

SECOND READING: Galatians 5: 13-14 & 22-26

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

FOURTH HYMN: 710 Peace Perfect Peace

REFLECTION

OFFERING AND HYMN Jesus friend of little children

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

FINAL HYMN: 706 Christ be our light (longing for light)

BENEDICTION

Next Sunday: 25 th November, 10:30am Preacher: Miss Deborah Spinks
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The flowers in the church today are kindly provided by Sharon Michaelides.
We will also be keeping our beautiful remembrance arrangement for the rest of November.

PREACHING PLAN, The **NEW** Circuit Preaching Plan for December – February is on the piano. Please do take a copy.

MONDAY FOCUS, 19th November @ 2.15pm. This meeting will be a creative one, crafting for the Christmas tree festival! All are welcome and refreshments will be provided afterwards. Contact: Rosemary Hughes, mobile 07791 603 668.

FIRST AID, please could anyone who has any form of first aid experience please make themselves known to our stewards so they can keep a list for emergencies. Many thanks.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH, Sunday 16th December, You are invited to the Church Christmas Lunch following the Nativity Service on 16 December, served by April's Kitchen. There is no charge for the meal, cost of which is covered by the church. Instead, donations will go to Whitechapel Mission, who serve the homeless and marginalised. There will be a sign up sheet available from next Sunday.

CAROL SINGING AT THE GLADES, BROMLEY – 9th DECEMBER

We'd love you to join us carol singing for Action for Children at The Glades in Bromley on the afternoon of Sunday, 9th December. No previous experience necessary. We need more singers and collectors please. More details to follow...Many thanks, Christine Pott (020 8467 4788).



CHURCH OFFICE, Sarah will be working remotely on Wednesday 21st, so the office will be unmanned. She can be reached by email chislehurstmch@gmail.com.

THURSDAY SERVICES, The next Thursday lunchtime service will be at 12.45 on Thursday 6th December. A friendly, informal 30 minutes of meditative music, prayer, Bible reading and reflection. After the service we gather for a sandwich lunch (£4).

FIJIAN METHODIST FELLOWSHIP worship at our church every 1st & 2nd Sunday of the month. However they are not here on 2nd December, therefore the next date they will be here is Sunday 9th December.

CHURCH “SIGNIFICANT” ANNIVERSARY, Monday October 5th 2020 will mark the 150th anniversary of the first service in this church. The stewards would be interested in hearing your ideas of how we should celebrate this significant day.

CONTACT is available on the piano. Please do take your copy and a copy for anyone else who you can deliver to. If you are not on our mailing list, **please do take a copy**.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Saturday 24th November | Autumn Quiz Night, New Eltham MC (see poster on blue board for more details or call 07710 507 421) |
| Tuesday 27th November | Christmas tree festival decoration making day |
| Thursday 29th November | Chislehurst Society Talk, <i>The Forgotten Banker</i> by Tony Allen |
| Saturday 1st December | Christmas Tree Festival & Dance Festival (tree festival from 1 st – 8 th December) |

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

We are very sad to hear that Barbara Hickey, the chair of the Trefoil Guild who meet monthly at our church has passed away. Her funeral will be on Monday 19th November at The Church of The Annunciation, Chislehurst High Street. Our thoughts and prayers are with her friends and family.

Those of our church community who are unwell or who have particular need for our prayers, in particular Pam Giles, Elizabeth Haftke, Myrtle and Neill Truman.
All our friends who are in care homes, particularly Les Giles and Arthur Hayes.

All those who have birthdays this month: Miriam van Teutem, Joseph Hicks, Laila Jefferies, Laomi Lea Adekola and John Scales.

When visiting those who can't get to church, please do take them a Notice Sheet. They are always welcome.

As part of the fellowship of Churches Together in Chislehurst and Bickley; this week we pray for Christ Church.



Participants

If you know of anyone who might be interested in having a tree this year, please contact Gillian Johnson or Sarah Ridgewell. Please could any church groups/individuals taking a tree ensure you have filled in a registration form, available from the church office, or Gillian Johnson.

Decorations

We will also be having our decoration making day on Tuesday 27th November, no special skills are needed! Please speak to Gillian Johnson if you are able to help out.

Stalls

If you would like to have a stall or have any ideas for a stall at the opening day of the festival please speak to Jane Cowie.

Chocolate Tombola

We will again be having a chocolate tombola at the opening day of the Christmas tree festival on Saturday 1st December. I would be very grateful if any chocolate donations....big or small...could be given to me or handed in to the Church Office.

Refreshments

We are looking for people to help serve refreshments at the opening day of the Christmas Tree festival between 12 noon and 4.00 pm. Also if you are able to bake or donate cakes to be served with tea/coffee it would be very much appreciated. If you are able to help...even for an hour...please contact Thomas Cowie or Sarah in the Church Office.