



Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
**Chislehurst Methodist Church**

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**Prayer for the week**

God of now, God of then, beyond time and unbound by space,  
your story reaches us across the ages, always with us.  
Yet we find you on our special dates and in certain places,  
in the meeting points of here and now.  
We hear you through the voices of those who have gone before us.  
We see you in their work and witness,  
as they sought ways to build your kingdom.  
Release us from nostalgia: let their signs and inspiration call us,  
come alive to us, be risen in us,  
speak to us still, so that we may speak of your story  
still unfolding, through our lives and work today.  
Amen.

*Owen Roberts, Methodist Heritage Officer, Connexional Team*



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**Congratulations to Philippa, Paul and big sister Luna on the safe arrival of baby Abel on 15<sup>th</sup> November!**



Please take this notice sheet  
home with you

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 10.30**

**Worship Leader: Miss Deborah Spinks**

**CALL TO WORSHIP          Psalm 93**

The Majesty of God's Rule

The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;  
the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.  
He has established the world; it shall never be moved;  
your throne is established from of old;  
you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord,  
the floods have lifted up their voice;  
the floods lift up their roaring.  
More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,  
more majestic than the waves of the sea,  
majestic on high is the Lord!

Your decrees are very sure;  
holiness befits your house,  
O Lord, for evermore.

**FIRST HYMN                      335 Rejoice the Lord is King**

**PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

**SECOND HYMN:                333 Majesty**

**FIRST READING:              Revelation 1: 4b - 8**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

**SECOND READING:            John 18: 33 -37**

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

**THIRD HYMN:                    362 Meekness and majesty**

**SERMON                            King and Kingdom come**

**FOURTH HYMN:                272 From heaven you came (servant King)**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**FINAL HYMN:                    185 Sing we the King**

**BENEDICTION**

Next Sunday: 2 <sup>nd</sup> December, <b>9.30am</b> , Holy Communion Preacher: Rev'd Duncan MacBean
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The flowers in the church today are kindly provided by Gillian Johnson.

We will also be keeping our beautiful remembrance arrangement for the rest of November.

**CHRISTMAST TREE FESTIVAL**, you'll find a 'flyer' for our Christmas tree festival inside this notice sheet – please pass it on to someone you know (or even someone you don't!) in order to spread the word about the festival which starts on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December. More flyers and posters are available if from the church office if you are able to distribute some. Thank you. We are also still looking for stalls, people to help with refreshments on the day and cake and chocolate donations – please contact the church office if you can help.

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

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 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. Please put your name on the sign up sheet as soon as possible, numbers need to be confirmed by 9<sup>th</sup> December.

**CONTACT**, The new December edition of *Contact* will be available from next week; the format has been re-designed so we would love to hear your thoughts and feedback! Autumn 2018 editions are still available on the piano for those who haven't had one.

**MONDAY FOCUS, 26<sup>th</sup> November @ 2.15pm.** This week will be Music with Val, Christmas Carols plus learning to play the bells. Meeting in the Wesley room, with refreshments to follow. Do come and join in the fun! Contact: Rosemary Hughes 07791603668

**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.

**PANTOMIME**, The pantomime production for 2019 at New Eltham Methodist church is Aladdin. We have reserved twenty seats for the matinee performance on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 3.00 p.m. Please contact Elaine 020 8300 0527 [ecbattarbee@btinternet.com](mailto:ecbattarbee@btinternet.com) to book your place. All tickets are £8.00.

### **CAROL SINGING AT THE GLADES, BROMLEY – 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

We'd love you to join us carol singing for Action for Children at The Glades in Bromley on the afternoon of Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> December. No previous experience necessary. We need more singers and collectors please. For information contact Christine Pott (020 8467 4788).



**JUNIOR CHURCH**, please note that there will be no junior church on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December (this is a 9.30 Holy Communion service).

**THURSDAY SERVICES**, The next Thursday lunchtime service will be at 12.45 on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. However they are not here on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, therefore the next date they will be here is Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December.



**Christmas Campfire in the Church. Tuesday 4th of December at 6pm.**

All are invited to join our Boys Brigade in having a fun evening singing among over 40 Christmas trees and hundreds of twinkling lights and candles. This will be around 30 mins of fun traditional campfire songs, then some favourite Christmas Carols, finishing off with tea and mince pies, we expected to be finished by around 7:15pm. Suitable for all Ages.

This is a free event, donations will be taken to support this year's Christmas tree charity.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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| <b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>  | Christmas tree festival decoration making day  |
| <b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b> | Chislehurst Society Talk, <i>The Forgotten Banker</i> by Tony Allen                                      |
| <b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>  | Christmas Tree Festival & Dance Festival (tree festival from 1 <sup>st</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> December) |
| <b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>    | Popchoir sing amongst the trees, 8pm   |
| <b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>   | Christmas Campfire, hosted by the Boys Brigade, 6pm  |
| <b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>  | Messy Church, 4 – 6pm  |
| <b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>   | Nativity Service and Church Christmas Lunch (please sign up for the lunch)                               |
| <b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b>   | Carol Service – 4pm (no morning service that week)   |

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

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 Ichthus Christian Fellowship.

