



Sunday 6th January 2019
Chislehurst Methodist Church

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Prayer for the week

Bind our souls to your own, O Christ, so that we may never be separated from you.
Only in you are we fully alive, only in your light can we truly see and only in your strength can we safely pursue our way.
To you we come, O wisdom without end.
In you we rest, O mercy without limit.
Amen.



Mechtild of Magdeburg (c.1207-1282)

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Church Collections - an update!

December was a busy time for collections and we are please to report the following has been raised for various charities:

Christmas Lunch collection	Whitechapel Mission	£410
Carol Service & Christmas Day Service	All We Can	£402
Dawe's HG Christmas Tree	Bible Society	£65

Thank you to all who donated to these important causes.



Sunday 6th January, Covenant Holy Communion

Preacher: Rev'd Duncan MacBean

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

WELCOME

FIRST HYMN

***2, 3, 4**

FIRST READING

5 Father in whom we live

Exodus 24: 3-11

Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, 'All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do.' And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. He rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and set up twelve pillars, corresponding to the twelve tribes of Israel. He sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt-offerings and sacrificed oxen as offerings of well-being to the Lord. Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he dashed against the altar. Then he took the book of the covenant, and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, 'All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.' Moses took the blood and dashed it on the people, and said, 'See the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.'

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. Under his feet there was something like a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. God did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; also they beheld God, and they ate and drank.

SECOND READING

John 15: 1-10

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.'

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SECOND HYMN

***12, 13 (The Covenant)**

THIRD HYMN

51 Speak in the stillness

549 Come let us use the grace divine

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**FOURTH HYMN
OFFERING**

548 Blessed assurance

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FINAL HYMN

553 I am a new creation (*sung twice*)

BENEDICTION

Next Sunday: 13 TH January at 10.30am, Mrs Joan Mayes
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UNITED SERVICE Churches Together in Chislehurst & Bickley are holding a United Service Sunday 20th January at 3.30pm at Christ Church, Lubbock Road BR7 5JJ.

All are most welcome to this service, where our churches will join together in a varied act of worship. Tea and cakes will follow the service.

Speakers at the service will be Margaret and Barry Mizen whose son Jimmy, a 16-year-old schoolboy from Lewisham, lost his life in an unprovoked attack in a bakery in Lee in 2008. Barry and Margaret hit national headlines when immediately after Jimmy's murder they spoke of compassion rather than revenge.

Since that day in May 2008, they have worked tirelessly with young people across the country sharing Jimmy's story and delivering programmes in schools across south-east London. They have each been appointed MBE as recognition of their work. For more information please see: <http://forjimmy.org/>

CAROL SINGING FOR ACTION FOR CHILDREN – a thank you

We raised £400 for this excellent charity carol singing at The Glades and received this nice comment from our Action for Children contact:

"Wow! Well done with your carol singing, it must have been the voices like angels. ☺ Thank you so much for your hard work and support."

Thanks to everyone for generously giving your time: singing, collecting, carrying and counting. Thanks too to everyone who donated to this excellent cause. Christine Pott.

PRAYER MEETING, Any member of the congregation will be welcome to attend the post service prayer meeting for the work of Christian Solidarity Worldwide, CSW. Persecution is intensifying in many parts of the world so more prayer is urgently required. John Sennett

THURSDAY SERVICES, The next Thursday lunchtime service will be at 12.45pm on 17th January. 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. Their next dates are today and 13th January.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 9th January

Film Night: *Seven Pounds*, New Eltham Methodist Church
7pm

Saturday 12th January

Messy Church – Moses in the Bulrushes

Saturday 19th January

Family Film: *Trolls*, New Eltham Methodist Church, 3pm

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those of our church community who are unwell or who have particular need for our prayers, in particular Eileen Lidinson, 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.

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 the St George's Church, Bickley.





CHISLEHURST METHODIST CHURCH

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Moses in the Bulrushes



Saturday 12th January, 4-6 pm

Come and join us to hear the story about the Moses in the Bulrushes. We will have lots of craft fun, decorating cupcakes, games and much more!