

CONTACT



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Front Cover Chislehurst Methodist Church in 1920

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The next issue of Contact will be published in December.

INTRODUCTION TO REV'D DUNCAN MACBEAN

I have been asked to give some background to myself and to introduce my family. Laura and I were born in South Africa and lived and worked there until we emigrated to the UK in 2003. We both studied and met one another at the University of Natal. Laura qualified as a Translator while I worked as a Management Trainer for the national rail company before we entered full-time ministry in 1996.

For the first 2 years of full-time ministry, Laura and I worked as house parents, principal and administrator of a youth training program run within the Methodist Church. Towards the end of this time it had become painfully obvious that the program needed to shut down due to a lack of support and resources. During my time at this work, I worked through a sense of call to Presbyterian ministry.

In 1998 I was offered a post as a Lay Pastor in De Aar (in the Karoo), serving 3 churches which were 100 miles apart. We took our 6-week old son, Liam with us and drove for 11 hours across the country to get there. It was a truly fantastic and affirming time for us and we were really blessed by the folk in that area.

During my first year as a Probationer Minister in the Methodist Church, my initial station was in Tigane, a small Tswana-speaking township about 200 miles from Johannesburg. I was there for a difficult, but ultimately very gratifying year. After that, I studied full time for a year in order to complete my Diploma in Theology at John Wesley College in Pretoria.

During my time at College, we had our third son, Evan. It was during this year that I felt the faint stirrings of a call to the UK. After College, I was stationed to a single church in Dalton, KwaZulu-Natal, handily close to our families. It is good that we managed to see as much of them as we did, because after just over a year at Dalton, we were informed that



we had been stationed in Saxilby, a village about 6 miles West of Lincoln, from September 2003. This meant a huge change for all of us, not least our children, and we devoted much of the next 9 months to saving as much as we could and selling as much as we could in order to fund our move over here.

Front row L to R: Emma (5), Evan (13)

Back row L to R: Laura, Sean (16), Liam (17), Duncan

I served for 5 years in Saxilby and surrounds with responsibility for 6 churches. I was ordained at the Loughborough Conference in 2004. Laura felt a call to the Diaconate at my ordination service and that resulted in her candidating as a Deacon, then undergoing training. From 2008, we were stationed in neighbouring circuits ('Epworth and Crowle' for me and 'Scunthorpe' for Laura). We had a delightful addition to our family during our time in Crowle, namely our daughter, Emma. We have served here for 7 years and have really enjoyed a lot of what we have been called to, difficult as it has sometimes been.

Laura and I are delighted to be stationed in our respective circuits and we look forward to meeting up with the people of the area and the people of the churches. Just to warn you though, we are still African in heart and marrow and, if you ask us something about that vast and beautiful land, you had best have a lot of spare time for all our stories.

We hope to join with, and add to the worship and life of the churches to which we are called, through sharing our experiences of God and of God's people.

Shalom,

Duncan MacBean

AMINATA MACLEAN

You may remember the appeal out by Ian and Evelyn Maclean in the Spring 2014 edition of Contact, for help in bringing Aminata to the UK. Their hard work paid off, as Ian recounts below.

Maybe because it is such a vivid memory for me but it only feels like yesterday that Sien, Sira and I were waiting for Evelyn and Aminata to arrive at Heathrow from Sierra Leone but it was in fact eight months ago.

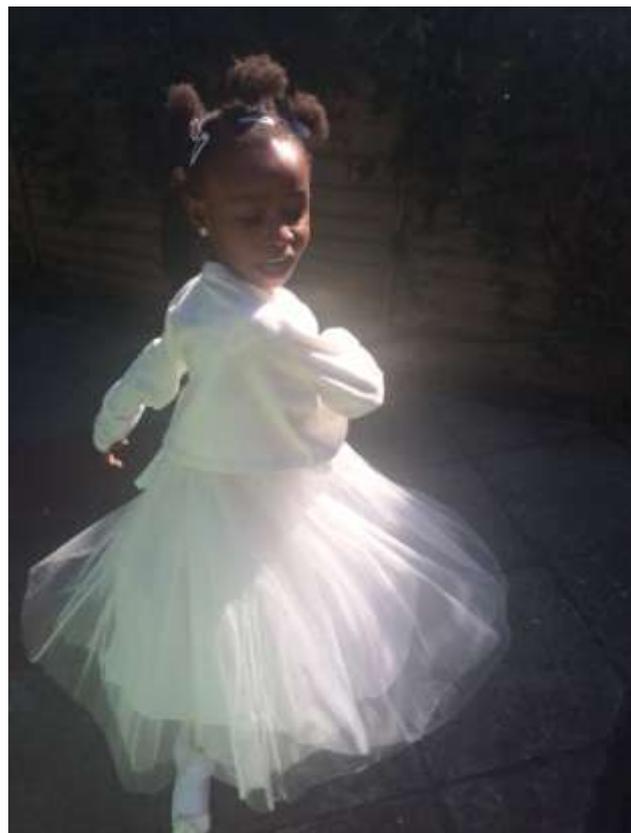
In that time Aminata has settled in amazingly well. She is a bright little girl with a cheeky sense of humour and is eager to learn and is naturally inquisitive. She loves bath time, getting tucked up in bed, bedtime stories, eating everything put in front of her, dancing, posing for photos, wrestling, playing Mario Kart and teasing her sisters. Aminata enjoys spending time with people and tries to be a part of the conversation. She loves the outdoors, especially jumping up and down on her trampoline which is an added bonus as she burns up some of her boundless amount of energy.

Aminata has been seen by paediatric consultants and neurologists and had an MRI scan that indicated no cognitive impairment. She had eight teeth extracted two months ago and as a result no longer suffers from the chronic pain caused by the poor condition of her teeth. Aminata had had three separate gum infections in the six months prior to having the affected teeth removed.

Aminata started attending Marjorie McClure School in Chislehurst back in February. She has Dystonia and Global Developmental Delay, and has settled in at school as successfully as she has at home. Aminata needs no encouragement to go to school in the morning, normally she is waiting impatiently by the door for the school bus to arrive and off she goes with a cheery wave. The feedback from her teachers is positive and she gets on well with her classmates. Aminata has regular sessions with speech and language therapists and physiotherapists she is making progress in signing, and it's down to us to try and keep up with her. At least Evelyn now knows how to sign for "more biscuit please" so we are making progress.

Aminata's seventh birthday and Baptism in June were the perfect opportunity to say thank you to everyone who has supported us in getting Aminata to the UK and since. They were two special days for us as we wanted to celebrate everyone's generous support, encouragement, advice, and prayers.

Iain Maclean



REV'D DR DAVID CALVERT (1ST JULY 1940 – 25TH JULY 2015)

David was born in Huddersfield in the West Riding of Yorkshire on 1st July 1940 and brought up at Fartown Trinity Methodist Church and King James' Grammar School, Almondbury.

After studying theology at King's London and training for the ministry at Wesley House Cambridge, he was stationed in the following posts: assistant tutor at Wesley College Headingly; lecturer at St Paul's United Theological College, Limuru, Kenya; chaplain at Leeds University; lecturer at Lincoln Theological College; circuit minister at Headingly; superintendent of the Brighouse circuit; and chair of the York and Hull district. He taught biblical studies at Bristol University, later also becoming county ecumenical officer for Gloucestershire.

His final stationing was at Paisley, Scotland, where he was superintendent minister of the Ayrshire and Renfrewshire circuit.

As a supernumerary, he was stationed at Crediton in the Exeter circuit and Chislehurst in the Orpington and Chislehurst circuit, places where his wife Barbara was his minister.

Ruth Dawe paid tribute to David at his Service of Thanksgiving, on behalf of us all. This is what she said:

The first time I met David was seven years ago when he came with Barbara to meet the Stewards team. We felt very fortunate that Barbara had agreed to come to us as our Minister, and David coming with her was an added bonus. How right we were.

The second time I saw David, was soon after their arrival. It still stands in my mind. As I drove into the church car park one day I saw a movement in one of the manse bedrooms, and there was David standing doing the ironing. I thought this is too good to be true.

This was one of the ways in which David supported Barbara, by helping to run the household – and he made a mean fish pie. But, much more than that, he was a constant support in her Ministry, encouraging her as she took on the daunting task of leading this Church, together with Mottingham at first, and then New Eltham. That was true right through to her last service at Chislehurst.

On a lighter note, when Barbara was chairing meetings it was not unknown for David to give her little calming signals from the back on those rare occasions when she appeared to be at risk of becoming, shall we say, over excited.

In addition to his support of Barbara's Ministry, David made a major and personal contribution to the life of this Church and Circuit, especially in his spiritual and theological leadership.

Just a few examples of that:

As Barbara led this church into its years of refurbishment, with the planning and the fund raising, David held a series of weekly sessions on the Theology of Refurbishment. He and Barbara had theology at the centre of everything they did and what it meant to be Church – making this a welcoming and sacred place and open to the whole community. And when

the Church refurbishment was complete David held a very successful and much appreciated Quiet Day in the Church, making use of the new Labyrinth. David was on our Circuit preaching plan. His preaching reflected his deep faith and vast biblical and theological knowledge. But it was always accessible and relevant to how the world is today and what we can do to make it a better place. And he was always questioning and honest and helped us to grapple with questions of faith on which we are all searching for answers. And of course when Sidcup Church found themselves without a Minister David offered to step in as the Minister for a year. And here at Chislehurst on a Sunday he sat at the back of the Church looking out for new people and chatting to everyone after the service.

He also led discussions at Housegroups, including ours, on a variety of subjects. One was Icons, one of his great interests. He was very modest about the fact that he had himself painted or 'written' an icon. We thought it was brilliant. He was a great teacher, with an interesting way of presenting difficult subjects.

Barbara and David started the Thursday midweek service here - a quiet half hour of music, prayers, bible reading and reflection, followed by the fellowship of lunch together. David's contributions at the service always gave us a different way of seeing and thinking about often familiar stories.

But David was much more than a theologian, preacher and teacher. He was committed to Christian action for social justice and world peace. Also to the green movement attending the annual Greenbelt Festival with Barbara for many years. At local level he led our Christian Aid efforts in recent years, and ran our Traidcraft stall each month displaying a tempting array of cereals, chocolates, fruit and nuts.

And when our Church Administrator was away it was often David who stepped in to hold the fort. And at any time he could be found moving chairs around in the Church for different forthcoming events.

And what about David the man?

You could describe David as a 'gentle Yorkshireman' – words which might be considered by some to be an oxymoron - but were literally true in David's case. He was determined and had strong views, but was also modest and ready to listen to other points of view. And he had a great sense of humour, often with a twinkle in his eye.

He and Barbara bought a caravan near Whitstable, and later a flat in Maidstone, where they could go on Barbara's days off to relax and recharge their batteries. He enjoyed, with Barbara walking and reading, playing Canasta, listening to music and visits to the cinema. He enjoyed visiting his daughter Jan and grandchildren in Leeds, and he warmly embraced Barbara's family. Early on in his time here David bought an allotment and was soon digging away and producing an abundance of fresh vegetables to bring home.

When David was diagnosed with cancer four years ago he went through the months and years of operations and chemotherapy with great patience and dignity. He continued to live life as normally as possible and continued to read and write and question.

In the later months he accepted that he was dying and St Christopher's Hospice stepped in with their expertise and support, helping to make his life as pain free, smooth and comfortable as possible.

David said to us that he was not afraid of dying, pointing out that it happens to us all at some time. His main thought was for Barbara. And he was very pleased that in his final weeks they managed to get to Orkney in May for a lovely holiday. And that he was able to be with Barbara at Gareth and Felicity's wedding last month, both very happy occasions.

David died in peace in the Hospice with Barbara by his side. We shall all miss him here as theologian, preacher, teacher, man of Christian action and friend.

THE WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING for MACMILLAN CANCER CARE – FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

You can be part of this national event once again here in the Church from 10 -12 noon on Friday 25th September. Do call in for coffee, tea, cake, biscuits etc. There will be some sales tables, and fun competitions etc. to help raise money. Could you provide some cakes large or small, or perhaps some yummy biscuits to go with the coffee? Bought or home-made are equally welcome.

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**



We will need people-power as well to look after the stalls. Please get in touch if you would like to help. There will be invitations and publicity around in September for distribution. Mark the date in your diary and do come.

Gillian Beecher Bryant 020 8467 6906

WHAT'S IN A BUILDING?

Part of our outreach into the community is providing the use of our hall and rooms for others. For some CMC is one of the locations they use for their business. For others it is a place to relax or to exercise, to meet new people and old friends. For some, it may be the only opportunity they have to meet others.

Over 1700 a week come through our glass doors.

Over 30 organisations/businesses/groups operate here. No wonder Lynton is kept busy keeping the place working, as things get broken, wear out or need replacing. Over the years, the use of the building has increased.

During term time the usage is extensive.

The Hall is in use about 45 hours a week

Wesley Room 38 hours

Epworth Room 24 hours

Upper Room 10 hours

Church 13 hours

Everyone will agree that the building has a "buzz" about it. Peaceful isn't always a term you could always use. Yet, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings the Yoga classes bring relaxation and calm, as does Pilates on Monday and Thursdays. In contrast, once Michelle Sidwell's tap dance class gets going, the building seems to be moving. And the roars of laughter which come out of the Age UK exercise classes on Tuesday mornings tend to drown out conversation nearby. It truly is a wonderful building.

And the biggest change has naturally been the transformation of our private place of worship into a "Public Sacred Space", with the increased use of the church for groups and events. It is wonderful to hear Popchoir rehearse on Monday evenings; after the dancers have left. The May Queen and her retinue rehearse in the spring ahead of their big day. The National Blood Service provides a vital service and our church is one of their larger venues in the area.

Over the last year or so, the London District of the Methodist Church has realised what a valuable asset they have access to here. For two years we have hosted a day where those contemplating the call to serve as a Minister of Deacon have an opportunity to meet, pray and discuss what lies ahead. And this month (September) the church is the centre of a Family Ministries Day, with the rooms being used for breakout sessions, by the 50 attendees. We can provide first class facilities.

WHAT MAKES A HEALTHY CHURCH?

This was the theme of the Stewards in the Circuit discussion in June. They split up into groups, and here are the results:

THE 'PALM' IS THE FIRST MENTIONED IN EACH CASE.*

GROUP A.

God (*encompassed by*) - Faith -Love -Trust -Charity- Hope

Confidence in the power of the Holy Spirit

Sharing God's love though Outreach

Growth -Learning- Teaching

Pastoral work

Meeting peoples' needs in the community/work.

GROUP B.

Changing the time of Worship. Is Sunday a good day? All age worship regularly. Different forms of Worship, e.g. Cafe Church.

Lay Worker

Modern facilities. Multi media. Welcoming music.

Fellowship

Range of age groups.

Children and Families for growth of the church.

GROUP C.

Faith. Diversity in age, views etc. Opportunity to grow. Outreach and Service. Open door. A praying church.

Welcoming building,disability friendly.

Welcoming people,acceptance, tolerance

Variety of Worship to be inclusive.

Appeal to younger people. Communication.

Community links inside and outside the building.

GROUP D.

Praying church. Outreach.

Activities for all ages,e.g. Messy Church, Lunches.

Good inspiring leadership and succession planning .

Welcoming atmosphere (people and building). Hospitality and food.

Flexibility of worship,e.g. time.

GROUP E.

Faith.

Nurturing (inc.young people).

Training and Leadership.

Willing to change

Pastoral.

Outreach.

*The word 'palm' refers to the fact that the groups were asked to put words round a large hand – five digits and a palm.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Sunday 11th October 1030 Preacher: Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler Having been a Methodist circuit minister and a theological college tutor, Jonathan is now Ministerial Coordinator for Oversight of Ordained Ministries in the Connexional Team.

THE CHISLEHURST OAK

Those who attended Barbara Calvert's last service here on 19th July will remember she was presented with a mirror set in a piece of Chislehurst Oak. On the back of the mirror, was the following message written by Thomas Cowie (he also made the mirror) on behalf of us all:

Dear Barbara

- This mirror was made for you by hand with love and care.
- It is made from a piece of Chislehurst Oak from the commons opposite our Church.
- This piece of Chislehurst Oak was obtained from a tree cleared to create light and new growth.
- Oak is traditionally a symbol of strength and we chose it to remember the strength you have brought to us.
- We hope you will look into it to see the great person we know you are.
- This mirror is from Chislehurst just like us.
- This mirror is unique just like you.

With love and thanks from all of us

Chislehurst Methodist Church



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Bake off!



How do you fancy being the next Mary Berry or Paul Hollywood? Then come along on Sunday 18th October at 12 noon prompt and let the judging commence!

£3.00 per adult, £1.50 per child. Your ticket gets you a cup of tea or coffee and your scorecard. Tickets on the door or in advance. All welcome, bring your friends!

You will get to taste the entries and then judge on 3 categories:

- originality
- appearance
- taste

Your votes will decide which contestant is crowned  Baker!!!

For more information or to get your tickets in advance please telephone the Church office on 020 8468 7695.

All proceeds go to



ONE OF OUR HIRER GROUPS

One of the great success stories here over the last few months has been the start of a branch of Alcoholics Anonymous. When they started to meet here before Christmas they expected between 12 and 15 people to meet each Monday evening in the Upper Room. They soon outgrew the Upper Room and now meet in the hall, with 40 - 60 people meeting each week.

Their approach here is a very traditional approach, turning the clock back to the start of AA in 1935, with their 12 point programme. It is clear that the approach here in Chislehurst is an inspiration for many and consequently draws members from quite a large area. Guest speakers come from all over the world, and those days can see almost 100 attending.

At the end of August the group took over the building for a Family Funday; so families, whose support is vital, could meet other families and enjoy a day together, whilst sessions were available for members, in the Upper Room.

These church premises have, in the past, provided a comfortable and welcoming space for support groups and the AA members do value the facilities here.

The heart of the suggested programme of personal recovery is contained in Twelve Steps describing the experience of the earliest members of the Society:

1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol - that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Newcomers are not asked to accept or follow these Twelve Steps in their entirety if they feel unwilling or unable to do so.

Traditionally, AA members have always taken care to preserve their anonymity at the "public" level: press, radio, television, films and the new media technologies such as the Internet. In the early days of AA, when more stigma was attached to the term "alcoholic" than is the case today, this reluctance to be identified - and publicised - was easy to understand. As the Fellowship of AA grew, the positive values of anonymity soon became apparent. So, there are no "membership lists" which does cause administrative headaches from time to time, but anonymity is the key.



Those who have met any of the AA people here will agree they are a "great bunch of folks".

THE PLANT SALE - the final total in May this year was £545, an excellent result. It was a very busy and pleasant morning with lots of people coming to the Sale who might not otherwise visit the building. Thanks to everyone who helped. Some of the money raised was used to cut back the overhanging trees at the side of the Hall and the car park: do take a look. Improving the area alongside the Hall is a long-term project but we have started.

There will *not* be a Sale in 2016 – unless *you* want to organise it: broadly that means being prepared to source plants one way or another over the coming months, organize publicity, pricing up, helpers, refreshments, setting up, taking down, and a dozen other things. There are notes on the how to do it on the office system from Anthony, or ask Gillian Beecher Bryant for a copy.

CHARLES JACOB CBE (24TH JANUARY 1921 – 1ST JUNE 2015)

Charles Jacob, CBE, known by many as “The Father of Ethical Investment in the UK” died this summer aged 94. Charles was the Investment Manager of the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church for 15 years, a Director of the Methodist Insurance Company Ltd, a Director and Patron of the UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association and Financial Adviser to numerous charities and educational establishments.

Charles’ father died when he was five, leaving Charles, his mother and his sister Joan (who later married the Methodist Minister, Rev. Wallace White) with no home of their own and no money, in South East London. From an early age he felt responsible for his family. He later joined the youth club and Sunday school at a local Methodist church. This was the start of his long commitment to Methodism. When 15 (as he was good at mental arithmetic and needed a wage) the Sunday school Superintendent found him a job as an office boy at a stockbrokers in London. Charles made the most of this opportunity and eventually worked his way up to become a partner.

Charles served in the Army REME in the war, mainly in Africa and Italy becoming a Warrant Officer and he was mentioned in despatches. He survived a torpedo attack and other assaults and claimed to have the record for the most wartime visits to hospital! He returned to work in the city when he was discharged. In 1950, he married his childhood sweetheart, Margaret.

At this time Charles was actively involved at his childhood church, St James Methodist, in Forest Hill, where he was a Sunday school teacher and Boys Brigade leader. The family moved and joined Orpington Methodist Church where Charles was again a Sunday school teacher and later the Superintendent, at a time when attendance was in the hundreds. The Sunday School at Orpington had 625 members when he retired from leading it! Charles was a Local Preacher for 40 years and an active member of Orpington and then Chislehurst Methodist Church. He was a school governor and sat on the boards of several local charities. He has also left a small charitable trust as part of his legacy.

As a Methodist and a stockbroker, he was a board member of the Methodist Church Investment Committee for several years and after a period of ill health he was persuaded to return as the Central Finance Board’s first professional Investment Manager for 2 days a week, in 1972. Under his management the funds grew from a few million to £250 million by his retirement. His enviable investment record attracted attention, especially as the funds were ethically invested and as he successfully persuaded Methodist organizations to put their trust in the CFB. At this time, Charles also began managing funds for various charities and educational institutions.

Socially responsible investment, using **positive** criteria, was something that Charles was passionate about. (John Wesley, of course, was one of the pioneers of the idea of socially responsible investment. Wesley was concerned with both how people gained their money and with how they used it.) When Charles shared the information that he needed an office base to work from, a rapid response came from First Investors and Savers Unit Trust Company. They heard he wanted to establish an ethical investment fund in the UK & were supportive. He was made a director and in exchange, given an office and the facilities he needed both to develop the new concept and to manage the Methodist investments.

Charles Jacob believed that ethical investment had a niche in the U.K. but initial attempts to establish an ethical trust with the support of Rowntree Trusts, brought refusals from the Board of Trade in '73 & '76. (They believed that there would be a contradiction of interest between profits & ethics. Clearly Charles' thinking was ahead of its time.) With the support of others, including Sir Nicholas Goodison, Chairman of the Stock Exchange, he was finally successful in gaining permission from the Department of Trade & Industry in 1979.

In 1984 the fund was finally launched, as the first Ethical Trust in the UK, by the Friends Provident Group (who had a large number of Quakers on the board.) It was named 'Stewardship'— chosen by Charles as a reference to the right use of money in the Biblical parable of the talents. The fund's format was identical to that rejected by the Board of Trade ten years earlier! It went on to perform very well, other trusts followed and ethical funds are now an important part of the market. Charles served for 14 yrs on the Stewardship Unit Trust Committee of Reference, chaired its Environmental Funds Committee & was a Director of Friends Provident Ethical Investment Trust

Charles Jacob was awarded an M.B.E. in 1988 for his services to education and charity and in 2011, a C.B.E. for his charitable services. He died peacefully in hospital, after a period of illness. He is survived by his wife Margaret, his 3 daughters, Pamela, Jacky & Barbara and his 4 grandchildren.

NEW ELTHAM METHODIST CHURCH - EXAMINER OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS

NEMC are looking for someone to take on the role of examiner of their Church accounts. No qualifications are required however you would need to be comfortable with spreadsheets and would have to be ratified by Church Council. If you think you might be able to help please contact Jane Cowie in the Church Office at New Eltham on 020 8859 4392 or church@newelthammethodist.co.uk. Thank you.

PUMPKIN HUNT - BIGGER & BETTER THAN LAST YEAR.....

- **An art Installation of a giant rat for the island on the centre of the Pond**
- **Temporary Chislehurst Signs**
- **Re-brand local road signs**
- **Different creative exhibits out and about around the town**

The main events:

Date: Friday 30th October 2015

Venue: Chislehurst High St & Royal Parade

Time: 1-3pm

All these activities are expected to be installed the week before and remain in place till post event. We really hope this gets some local exposure and bring the local community together as well as an exciting project for the young people of Chislehurst.

A FREE Children's Pumpkin Hunt within the main High St of Chislehurst on the Friday of the October Half Term.

Children will be encouraged to dress up, bring their treat bag, pick up their ghostly map and go on a ghoulish adventure around Chislehurst picking up treats and solving clues!

For children from 3-11 years.

MESSAGE FROM VISITCHISLEHURST

More info here: <http://www.visitchislehurst.org.uk/pumpkinhunt> - this will give you all the detailed information for the event which is being planned at present.

To find out more on how you and your organization can get involved, please read the attached document, should you or your organization be interest please register your interest and the areas you would like to be involved as soon as possible and no later than 11th September 2015.

Finally if you are able to promote the event that would be great and if there are any adults available or post 16 students who are willing to assist as marshals on the day please do get in touch.



Chislehurst Methodist Church

Christmas Tree Festival

*Come and see the wonderful
display of Christmas trees*

OPEN EVERY DAY

SAT 28TH NOVEMBER TO SUN 6TH DECEMBER

Sat 28th

Festival Fun Day

12noon Tree Festival opens

Christmas Fair, with stalls, activities, lunches and refreshment

2pm Chislehurst Festival of Dance

Sun 29th

Mon 30th – Fri 4th

Sat 5th

Sun 6th

12noon - 4pm Tree Festival open

10am - 4pm Tree Festival open

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12noon - 4pm Tree Festival open

FREE ADMISSION

For further details see www.chislehurstmethodistchurch.org.uk or call 020 8468 7695

SERVICES AT CHISLEHURST METHODIST CHURCH

STARTING AT 1030AM

PREACHERS

Sunday 6 th September	Holy Communion and Covenant Service Rev'd Duncan MacBean
Sunday 13 th September	Mrs Joan Mayes
Sunday 20 th September	Mr John Sennett
Sunday 27 th September	All Age Service for Harvest Rev'd Duncan MacBean
Sunday 4 th October	Holy Communion Rev'd Duncan MacBean
Sunday 11 th October	Church Anniversary Rev'd Dr. Jonathan Hustler
Sunday 18 th October	Mr Keith Miller
Sunday 25 th October	All Age Service Rev'd Duncan MacBean
Sunday 1 st November	Holy Communion Rev'd Duncan MacBean
Sunday 8 th November	Mrs Gillian Dodds
Sunday 15 th November	Mrs Sue Cope
Sunday 22 nd November	All Age Service Rev'd Duncan MacBean
Sunday 29 th November	Rev'd Alexandra Terrett

Midweek Services

An informal 30 minute service is held in the Wesley Room at 12.45 on Thursdays, followed by a light lunch. All are welcome