



Sunday 17th February 2019
Chislehurst Methodist Church

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Prayer for the week

We bless your name, O God, for all your servants who have fought the fight and kept the faith. Grant us grace to follow their good examples, to continue their work and to enjoy their fellowship in the glory of your kingdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Church Office open Tue-Fri 10.00 to 2.00

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 1PM ON FRIDAY 15th FEBRUARY UNTIL TUESDAY 26th FEBRUARY. QUERIES DURING THIS TIME SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO REV'D DUNCAN MACBEAN.



There will be **no Junior Church session** today as it's the start of half term week. Any children attending Church will remain in the Church throughout the service or the crèche is available.

Next Sunday (24th) we will be having an all age combined Junior Church session where we will be doing some baking! If your child has an apron please do send it in with them.



Have a lovely half term break!

Please take this notice sheet
home with you

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Preacher: Rev'd Terry Wright

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 67: 1-2

FIRST HYMN 136 Morning has broken

OPENING PRAYER

INTRODUCTION – ST VALENTINE

SECOND HYMN 636 O love that will not let me go

FIRST READING Jeremiah 17: 5-10

Thus says the Lord:
Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.
They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.
They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?
I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

SECOND READING**Luke 6: 17-26**

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

‘Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

THIRD HYMN**566 Take my life and let it be****SERMON***What it is to be blessed!***FOURTH HYMN****548 Blessed assurance****PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION****OFFERING****FINAL HYMN****81 Now that we all our God****BENEDICTION**

Next Sunday: 24th February at 10.30am, Mr Chris Price

The flowers in church this week are kindly provided by Val Bessant, manythanks.

NEW PREACHING PLAN, The new preaching plan is available on the piano, please do take a copy.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2019, FRIDAY 1st MARCH, World Day of Prayer (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer) in Chislehurst & Bickley will be holding its 2019 Service at Christ Church Chislehurst, Lubbock Road, on Friday 1st March. The church is hosting a Welcome Café from 10.15 am. The Service will begin at 11 am and last about one hour.



CHURCH AGM – NEW DATE, the church AGM will now take place on Sunday 24th March at 12 noon in the hall.

PIANO LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME, Zender upright overstrung piano, 7 octaves, regularly tuned, in good condition, mahogany matt finish. Transport would be required. Contact Colin Scott by email if interested at c.scott939@btinternet.com

BROMLEY FOODBANK, LATEST NEEDS: Jam/Chocolate Spread/Peanut Butter, Vegetarian Options, Squash, Fruit Juice, Milk, Cooking Sauce, Washing up liquid, Razors, Custard. Thank you very much but they are fully stocked with pasta, cereal and soup.



THURSDAY SERVICES, The next Thursday lunchtime service will Thursday, 21st February at 12.45pm. This will take place in the Church due to the redecorating of the Wesley room. It is 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 the 3rd & 10th of March.

CHURCHES TOGETHER, YOUR REPRESENTATION, As the time is approaching for annual church meetings, please do remember to include on your agenda, the election of representatives to serve on the council of Churches Together in Chislehurst & Bickley. Each church is entitled to three representatives, one of whom is ordinarily a minister from the church.

WALK OF WITNESS, The Walk of Witness on Good Friday will start at our Church, proceed along the High Street and finish for a short service at the Garden Room near Sainsbury's. Then all are invited to share Hot Cross Buns, coffee and companionship at the Methodist Church. Churches Together are seeking a small planning group for this. If you or any member of your congregation is willing to assist, please contact Judith West. jude161@hotmail.com

CHISLEHURST SUMMER FAIR As the rain beats down outside, let us move our thoughts to the Summer Fair on Saturday 8th June. Churches together also need a small planning group to arrange our participation in this. Again, anyone interested should contact Judith West. jude161@hotmail.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 13th February	Film Night: <i>Four Weddings and a Funeral</i> , New Eltham Methodist Church 7pm
Friday 1st March	World Day of Prayer, Christ Church, 10.15am for 11am service
Saturday 2nd March	Family Film at New Eltham Methodist Church - <i>Penguins of Madagascar</i> , 3pm
Tuesday 12th March	Churches Together meeting @ the Church of the Annunciation,
Wednesday 13th March	Film Night at New Eltham Methodist Church, <i>The Imitation Game</i> , 7pm
Sunday 24th March	Church AGM, 12noon (in the Hall)

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 and Tim Holton. 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 Patrick's Church.



Ernest Wray's Funeral

As you now know, Dad passed away peacefully in his sleep in the early morning of January 25th; he had just recently turned 94. Apologies for the delay in advising you of the details; as I'm sure you can imagine there is a fair amount to plan and organise. Dad's funeral will take place on Friday 22nd February 2019 at 2pm. The service is to be held at The South Essex Crematorium and should last approximately 40 minutes. The address is as follows: South Essex Crematorium, Ockendon Rd, Upminster, Essex, RM14 2UY.

Following the service there will be a wake to celebrate our memories of Dad at The Railway Hotel & Pub in Hornchurch and have reserved the pub's function room from 3pm onwards. The Function Room can be accessed either via the right-hand rear door of the building or through the main bar. There is parking in front and alongside the building and in the neighbouring streets. The address is as follows: The Railway Hotel and Pub, Station Lane, Hornchurch, Essex, RM12 6SB. We would prefer for family flowers only but if you would like to send some, please arrange to send to Co-operative Funeral Care, 200 - 202 Elm Park Ave, Hornchurch RM12 4SD.

Alternatively you can donate to the Alzheimer's Society on this just giving page:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ernest-wray.

Kind regards, Adam & Gavin (Ernest's sons)