



Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019  
**Chislehurst Methodist Church**  
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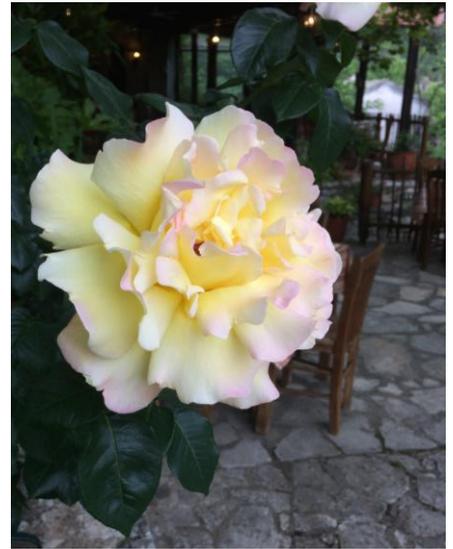
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**Prayer for the week**

Be a light, O Lord, to our eyes, and music to our ears.  
Be sweetness to our taste and contentment to our hearts.  
Be sunshine to our days and food at our table.  
Be rest in our night and sufficiency in the hour of our need.  
Be liberty in our life and everlasting glory at our death;  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

*John Cosin (1594-1672)*



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**Minister:** Rev'd Duncan MacBean (Day off - Friday)



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The MHA (formerly Methodist Homes) donations from this church in June were £365. I am very grateful, as are MHA, for these donations. Thank you all who donated. Alice Sennett



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

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am  
Preacher: Rev'd Duncan MacBean**

## **WELCOME**

**FIRST HYMN: 25 God is here! As we his people**

## **PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

**SECOND HYMN: 28 Jesus call us here to meet him**

**FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5: 1-14**

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel."

So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood



Next Sunday: Action for Children Sunday, Mrs Pat Woodison, 10.30am

The flowers in church today have been provided by Christine Pott, many thanks.

**MONDAY FOCUS:** This week will be a hot lunch, priced at £8.50, please book in advance for this. The meeting starts at the usual time of 1pm in the Wesley room, for more information contact Rosemary: 07791 603 668.

**ACTION FOR CHILDREN** (formerly National Children's Home) is the children's charity of the Methodist Church, founded in 1869 by Methodist minister Rev'd Thomas Bowman Stephenson in response to the poverty and danger faced by vulnerable and destitute children and young people living rough on the streets of London. Today, **Action for Children** has grown to become a leading children's charity running well over 500 projects and working with more children and young people affected by poverty, disability and abuse than any other UK charity. Please see the red display board just inside the church for more about its wonderful work. Your donations will be very much appreciated, I have some envelopes today in preparation for our **Action for Children Sunday service here next Sunday**, 14th July and envelopes will be available that day too. Gift Aid can be claimed on your donations if you would be kind enough to complete the slip attached to the envelope. Many thanks. Christine Pott, Action for Children rep.

**BOYS BRIGADE – 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY:** The Boys Brigade invite you to join us at 6pm (finishing with tea, at around 7pm) on the 16th of July, here in the church, for our annual display and awards. The boys Brigade is part of the youth mission of this church, giving boys and young men the first steps on their journey with Christ, and side by side in this journey lots of fun, adventure and personal development. It is tradition for us to have representation from the church at our display night, so you are aware what we are doing on the church's behalf and it is a great opportunity to have wider conversations with the families and leaders showing support for the work the Boys Brigade do. Please come down and join us, it will be a fun evening. With love and faith, Thomas Cowie, Captain 11th Bromley Boys Brigade.

**CONTACT MAGAZINE** the latest edition of *Contact* is on the piano, please do take a copy. Feedback welcome!

**CHURCH "SIGNIFICANT" ANNIVERSARY** Monday October 5<sup>th</sup> 2020 will mark the 150<sup>th</sup> 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.

**THURSDAY SERVICES:** The next lunchtime service will be Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July, at 12.45pm. 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:** Their regular worship is held at our church two Sundays a month. Their next dates are 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> July.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Messy Church - 13<sup>th</sup> July

Thursday Service - 18<sup>th</sup> July

Summer Quiz Night, NEMC - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30pm (poster on blue board)

## **WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

Those of our church community who are unwell or who have need for our prayers: Pam Wallace, Monica Faux, Pam Giles, Myrtle and Neill Truman and Tim Holton (Sarah's father).

All our friends who are in care homes, particularly Arthur Hayes and Les Giles.

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**

Prince Imperial Road, Chislehurst, BR7 5LX

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 4-6 pm**



**Join us to have some fun, meet friends and make crafts!**