

BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

...serving people in Leicester City Centre (Reg. charity 1129068)
through welcome, worship and mission.

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NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 18th October 2020

A message from Rev. Fran Rhys

Dear Members and Adherents of Bishop Street Methodist Church

You shouldn't come to church if you think you may have coronavirus symptoms. Also, don't come if you feel uncertain whether you should be in church for health reasons, because God in Christ is with us wherever we are

18.10.20 (Black History Month inspired) Communion Order of Worship led by Rev. Fran Rhys.

Welcome / Notices Margaret Byron

Call to Worship:

1st hymn: StF 689 Summoned by the God who made us

Prayer of Confession;

Reading from Bible: Matthew 22: 15-22 (Margaret B.)

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving (Rev'd Novette Headley)

Communion Hymn: StF 485 When we are living, we are in the Lord

Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving: Holy Communion (Iona sheets)

Final Hymn: StF 417 We come from the mountains, the valleys and plains
(On Organ or CD)

Blessing:

Volunteers Rota for this week

Date	Preacher	Stewards	n/a	Welcomers	Pre clean Volunteer 1	Pre clean Volunteer 2	Post Clean Volunteer 1	Post Clean Volunteer 2
18/10/20	Rev. Fran Rhys (HC)	Margaret		Margaret				Diane

Up-coming services:

We are all required to wear face masks throughout the service, except the person speaking at the front. Chris has attached green markers to indicate which pews should be used, to maintain suitable distances between individuals/family groups. At the moment congregational singing is not permitted, so some hymns will be played while we follow the words, and it is also permitted for a soloist to sing. If you have your own hymn book, bringing that can help, although all the church hymnbooks are stored in the vestry so are safe by the following week. You may find it useful to bring a cushion as the pews are bare, and opportunities to stand up may be fewer. Also, bring a water bottle if you need it as we cannot serve refreshments, and wrap up warm as the doors are kept open. We are not able to run any children's activities at present, but some activity packs are available for parents to supervise.

When you arrive, the welcomer will note names and contact details for test-and-trace purposes. Please do not attend if you have any potential symptoms, or if you are shielding. If you are wish to check your temperature when you arrive, there is a non-contact thermometer available. There is hand cleanser and you can pick up a spare mask if you have forgotten your face covering. To reduce risks, we are also encouraged to keep services shorter, 45 minutes at the most, and we can't spend time socialising in the church after the service.

These might feel onerous and curious as a selection of regulations, but they are all achievable, and it has been a hugely welcome change that it is now possible to meet together for Christian worship.

If you are unable to attend face to face worship at the church, here are a few possibilities of worship resources for this coming Sunday.

This site provides material from Circuit preachers and worship leaders who share their reflections and prayers. The Family Friendly Churches Trust

<https://familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/> will help parents and carers of school-aged children to worship with them.

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/singing-the-faith-plus/seasons-and-themes/worship-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/> Provides Sunday "Worship at Home" sheets, and links to other live-streamed services.

Mellow Baku

Mellow - Artist-in-residence at Bishop Street will postpone her residency until early next year, because of pressures of other work. She will still curate the November exhibition, *Because Black Lives Matter* and design the church's Christmas card. Thank you, Mellow. We're looking forward to both.

Online Learning

St Philips Interfaith Engagement Centre offers the following opportunities for online learning:

Abrahamic Group, every second Wednesday at 10am with Tom Wilson for theological discussion on topics of mutual interest. Next date: 11 November.

Hindu-Christian dialogue and the Bhagavad Gita, First Thursday of the month at 11am with Tom Wilson and Pradip Gajjar. Next date 5 November.

Zoom links available from the St Philips Centre. Email: onlinetraining@stphilipscentre.co.uk

District Study Day with Jill Marsh

Northampton Methodist District Study Day

Can 'white' people be saved?

Sat. 24th October 2020

10.00 – 1.00

(with 2 screen breaks)

Jill Marsh (District Mission Enabler)

will help us to examine the dynamics of intercultural congregations, following on from her recent research, as we think together about the congregations of people we know and love.

Open to lay and ordained, within the district.

Please email the district office, to book your place and obtain a Zoom link:

northampton.distoffice@gmail.com



Bishop Street Benevolent Fund

Please can you send a small donation to help replenish this fund for people who are in financial difficulty. An offering is usually taken up at communion services, but that's not possible at present.

Please use the BACS details above, but mark it: Benevolence Fund. Thank you.

Giving

Thank you to many of you for what you've been able to give. Offerings are 90% of what they are budgeted to be. It's best if you can send in your offering now, so that the church can claim Gift Aid on it, rather than waiting until the church reopens. You could post a cheque to the church's gift aid officer, Tony Moore at 46 Holmfield Road LE2 1SA. You could make a BACS transfer to Bishop Street Methodist Church.

The Cooperative Bank sort code is 08-92-99 and account number 65242955. Give your name as a reference. Go to the Church's website.

www.bishopstreetchurch.org.uk and look for the new 'Donate' button on the Home page, for which, thanks to our treasurer's persistence. You can donate with a debit or credit card.