

BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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NOTICES November 29th 2020

Online Worship ONLY

Sunday 29th November, Advent I service This Sunday's service, led by Rev'd Fran Rhys and others, can be found on

<https://bishopstreetmethodistchurchsundaystuff.wordpress.com/>

Robin Stevenson has prepared a composite recording of the service, which also appears on the blog. This is an amazing gift to us all! You can choose whether to read or watch and listen to the service.

Worship Plans for Advent and Christmas The Government has placed Leicester in tier 3, which indicates that the Covid infection rate remains very high. However, in all tiers, churches and other places of worship can reopen for public worship, provided it is in a Covid-secure environment. The church's finance and property committee believes that it is safe for worship to resume at the present time at least. Stewards and other volunteers for cleaning and signing-in are requested to contact Chris Parker on office@bishopstreetchurch.org.uk to offer dates during December. No-one should feel pressured to volunteer for or attend services who doesn't feel their health permits this. We're reminded that no mingling is permitted before or after services to reduce the risk of transferring infection.



The Gift Service on 6th December will be led by local preacher in training, Douglas Beoku-Betts and his mentor Graham Tomkinson. Please bring gifts wrapped for residents at the Women's Refuge, or for their children. Gifts can either be labelled for whom they are suitable, or left open so the contents can be seen. Suggested gifts include: gloves, soap, chocolate, small gifts for children, diaries, pens, slippers, and useful toiletries.

Online Worship will take place during Advent on Sundays at 6pm as a series of services led by local preachers in training. The theme will be Mary's song, the Magnificat.

Advent Space reflections will take place on Thursday evenings, 7 -7.40pm, starting 3rd December, led by Miriam Stevenson, Fran Rhys, and James Blackhall. The final one of these on 17 December will be 'Blue Christmas', which allows space to remember the sadness around Christmas for many, especially in this tumultuous year. You're asked to prepare a candle ready to light (safely) at home. Here's the link to these Advent Space reflections:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5604319478?pwd=Q3Y2di9pbjRMK1RuOG9nb0F2aGZKU T09>

Meeting ID: 560 431 9478
Passcode: 343329

Café and Exhibitions in December The Chapel Café will not be allowed to open, but it is hoped that the church will remain open for private prayer on Monday-Friday, 10am-3pm

Shine because Black Lives Matter (From Dec 3rd until Dec 14th) Exhibition including work by school students, Mellow Baku, and other artists.
This exhibition can also be found online at www.ArtattheChapel.com

Peace Exhibition (From Dec 14th until Jan 4th)

Cards for Good Causes will be on sale at the church Monday-Friday, 10am - 3pm. Come and buy Christmas cards at the church and in doing so give to charities which greatly need our support this year.

Methodist Prayer Handbooks Pray every day with Methodists round the world through the Prayer Handbook. Thanks to a generous donation, please contact Fran Rhys (fran.rhys@methodist.org.uk) or Miriam Stevenson if you would like a copy.

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

Hindu-Christian dialogue and the Bhagavad Gita, First Thursday of the month at 11am with Tom Wilson and Pradip Gajjar. Next date 3 December.

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

Solar Panel Roof Work

The scaffolders have been in and the builders are due next week to start roof work, then panel work towards the end of next week



CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY GIFT DAY This time last year our annual Chapel Anniversary Gift Day had raised £1,441. This annual event is an important fund raiser and even more so in 2020 bearing in mind the effect of the two lockdowns this year on our income and in particular the substantial reduction in our lettings income. We are grateful to those who have made extra donations this year for our General Fund but our inability to meet together for Sunday worship for our Annual Chapel Anniversary has meant that so far we have received only £250 for our Gift Day,

During lockdown our message has been that offerings have been around 90% of what they are budgeted to be and we have asked whilst the church has been closed that you send a cheque to the church's Gift Aid Officer, Tony Moore at 46 Holmfield Road Leicester LE2 1SA. You can also make a BACS transfer to Bishop Street Methodist Church through our Cooperative Bank account - sort code 08-92-99 and account number 65242955. Alternatively you can go to the Church's website www.bishopstreetchurch.org.uk and look for the new 'Donate' button on the Home page and donate with a debit or credit card. If your cheque is for the Chapel Anniversary please write on the back "CA Donation" or use this as the reference if paying by BACS or credit/debit card.



Magnificat

Each Sunday evening from 6pm

Zoom

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85215398709?pwd=RTU4dHFKZWlreWJlbkMzNU9seHF
XUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85215398709?pwd=RTU4dHFKZWlreWJlbkMzNU9seHF
XUT09)

Meeting ID: 852 1539 8709

Passcode: 360820 Or join us by telephone: 0203 051 2874

Join us for thoughtful and thought-provoking explorations of Mary's Song through music, reflection and prayer, led by trainee local preachers and worship leaders. Each will conclude with a time for fellowship.

Advent 1: Sunday 29th November

God who saves (Luke 1 vv. 46-47)

Leader: Dr Douglas Beoku-Betts

Advent 2: Sunday 6th December

God who notices (Luke 1 vv. 48-50)

Leader: Moleen Chikumba

Advent 3: Sunday 13th December

God who turns the tables (Luke 1 vv. 51-53)

Leader: James Blackhall

Advent 4: Sunday 20th December

God who remains faithful (Luke 1 vv. 54-55)

Leader: Graham Tennant



Confident Christianity



Methodist Churches Engagement Officer

The main purposes of the role:

Promote, develop and co-ordinate work with Methodist churches in Leicestershire in particular, and the East Midlands and wider Methodist Connexion more generally. Ensure the Centre delivers the objectives set out in the Connexion funded project "Confident Christianity."

Explore the potential for new activity which supports and strengthens associations between Christians and people and groups of different faiths and ethnicities, including people of no faith.

Hours: 12 hours per week

Pay: £7344 per annum

This is a fixed-term contract for the duration of the Confident Christianity project

There is a genuine occupational requirement that the post-holder is a Christian.

The post is subject to an enhanced DBS check

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.



**Full details, including application pack at:
<https://www.stphilipscentre.co.uk/node/39>**

**For an informal conversation about the role
please contact the Director
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