

BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

...serving people in Leicester City Centre
through welcome, worship and mission.

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Notices for Sunday 22nd September 2024,

10.45am Morning Service

led by Revd Liam Dacre-Davis

Service for Disability Awareness Sunday.

10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for September/October 2024	
29 th September	Miriam Stevenson (Harvest Festival). Note: At 4pm Revd Liam Dacre-Davis will be leading an important conversation for our congregation. See inside for details.
6 th October	Revd Liam Dacre-Davis (Holy Communion).
13 th October	Local Arrangement by the Worship Team.

ROTA: Please sign up on the ROTA SHEET as a welcomer or refreshments volunteer.

Our thanks go to Elspeth Lenders and Amy Reynolds for providing the lovely seasonal flowers in memory of their mother, Joy Morgan.

We join the girls in remembering Joy with love.

If you are new to Bishop Street Church and would like to keep in touch, we would be pleased receive your details via a Church contact form, available from the welcomers. These are passed to the minister who will ensure security and confidentiality.

To receive these notices by email each week, (or to unsubscribe) please send a request by email to Chris at the Church office: office@bishopstreetchurch.org.uk

RIDE AND STRIDE/HERITAGE OPEN DAY: Saturday 14th Sept. Thanks to the volunteers who looked after the sign-ins and Heritage Room.

Following a 'Ride Leicester' 10 mile cycle tour of 7 churches along the Soar Valley, Robin was able to clock up a further 11 churches out in east Leicestershire, and covered 40 miles in total. Thank you for the £231 raised in sponsorship so far, in aid of Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust and Bishop Street Methodist Church. It's not too late to sponsor in person (see Robin), or visit his JustGiving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/robin-stevenson-sept-2024> .



Methodist Prayer Handbook for 2024-25 Praise and Protest

Take a look at the new Prayer Handbook to see if this is a resource you would like to use during the year. Please sign on the sheet provided if you take a copy for your own use.

If you are able, please make a donation towards the cost of the Handbook. Please add any donation to the regular church collection on a Sunday. (They cost £4.15 each.)

HARVEST FESTIVAL: On 29th September we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival. As we give thanks and bring gifts to share in God's kindness we will have a special guest, Zinthyia, whose Trust is based in our buildings and does so much to support and bring hope to women in difficulty and need. Zinthyia will be receiving our gifts on behalf of the Trust to share with those they work with. Zinthyia has asked for donations of dry rations such as pasta, pasta sauce, rice, tinned food (vegetables and fruits), tea and sugar. If you are able to buy one or more of these items over the next few weeks, that would be much appreciated. Please bring them on 29th September so that we can share the joy of the Harvest.

(Over the next week you might be able to pick up a tin or packet to donate, particularly something on offer as you do your shopping.)

AN IMPORTANT CONVERSATION FOR OUR CONGREGATION

Sunday 29th September, 4pm (Bishop Street Methodist Church)
Light refreshments will be served.

In recent years, the Methodist Church in Britain has given its congregations the option of 'opting in' to celebrating same-sex marriage. The Methodist Church recognises that people's attitudes and understandings vary in response to such topics and encourages the Methodist people to 'live with contradictory convictions'.

This event offers the opportunity to celebrate that which holds us together as a worshipping community: the faith we share in Jesus Christ. It also gives us space to acknowledge our different understandings and experiences, especially in regard to marriage and relationships. The point of this event is NOT to argue from our different opinions, or to influence one another's theological understandings. The intention is to make space for one another in love, recognizing each other's faithful integrity, and celebrating the life that we share. In time, our Church Council will vote on the matter of 'opting in' to celebrating same-sex marriage. Therefore, I encourage the whole of our worshipping community to participate in this careful and compassionate conversation.

If anyone would like to talk with Rev Liam before these conversations take place, you can call or email (0116 257 1069/
liam.dacre-davis@methodist.org.uk)

LEICESTER TRINITY CIRCUIT Sunday Evening services for 2024: You are welcome to join us online at 6.00pm. Please note: from September 8th there will be a new zoom link, which can be obtained from the minister:
liam.dacre-davis@methodist.org.uk

COFFEE MORNING at Church of the Nativity, Aylestone Park: You are warmly welcome to join us at the church of the Nativity this Saturday 11am- 1.00pm for our Macmillan coffee morning. It would be great to see you. Children's craft available. P.s Don't forget your money.

QUIZ NIGHT: The Men's Fellowship at Birstall Methodist Church are holding a Quiz Night on Thursday 24th October, open to men and ladies, Coffee and Cake will be provided for a small charge to cover costs.

CHAPEL CAFÉ. The café is run by the Zynthiya Trust and is open 10:00-16:00 Monday to Friday and 10:00-15:00 Saturdays, serving good quality affordable fair trade hot drinks, breakfast baps, soup, jacket potatoes, sandwiches, light snacks and delicious cakes.

BISHOP STREET ON THE INTERNET: The morning services are videoed each week, and posted on **Youtube** later the same day. They are 'unlisted', so the link each week, along with worship material relating to the Sunday worship, can all be found at:

<https://bishopstreetmethodistchurchsundaystuff.wordpress.com/blog-2/>

The Bishop Street Facebook Group share and hear news and keep in touch. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bishopstreet/>.

Instagram Account for the Church. @bishopstreetchurch.

EASYFUNDRAISING: Bishop Street Methodist Church Leicester has been paid £34.44 this week thanks to our community shopping online! A huge thank you to everyone who supports us. Want to get involved? Sign up to easyfundraising so your online shopping at your favourite retailers turns into much-needed funding for us. It'll take you two minutes to sign up: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/bishop-street-met-ch->

BISHOP STREET WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY. The Bible Study group meets every Thursday lunch time, 12 noon to 1.00pm, in the church. All are welcome to join the group who are currently studying the Gospel of Luke. For more information speak to Richard Gill.

MONTHLY CELL GROUP: As we so appreciated Bishop Rowan Williams' knowledge and clarity of communication we have decided to study another of his books starting in June. It is called "Open to Judgement" This book is a collection of chapters, each written following either a lecture or sermon he had given and it addresses the challenges of living as a Christian in today's society. Anyone will be welcomed to join the group which meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 12-30 in the vestry. Please get in touch with Dee Brunning 0116 241 8742 or deebunning@yahoo.co.uk for further details