

BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Notices for Sunday 24th November 2024,

10.45am Sunday Service

led by Revd Liam Dacre-Davis

This will begin with a short service of Holy Communion.

**The second part will include “Conversations about Marriage
and Relationships: Living with Contradictory Convictions”**

10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for December 2024

ADVENT 2024: Advent Theme ‘Hush the noise’

1 st December	Revd Liam Dacre-Davis, Advent Sunday: <i>Christmas Gift Service</i> (see inside for details) followed by ‘Festive Pizza, mince pies and satsumas’
8 th December	Local Arrangement by the Worship Team
15 th December	Revd Liam Dacre-Davis. <i>Nativity Play</i> and Communion
22 nd December	Miriam Stevenson. <i>Christmas Carol Service</i>
Wed 25 th Dec	<i>Christmas Morning Service</i> , 10.00am

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

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.

IMPORTANT EVENT FOR THE WHOLE CONGREGATION

On **Sunday 24th November** we will share in a shorter communion service before participating in a session exploring contradictory convictions. This will be a repeat of a previously held session and will give us the opportunity to explore the Methodist Church's response to marriage and relationships. Turnout was low for the first of these events, and it is paramount that we share in this conversation as a congregation. Therefore, please make every effort to attend church in the 24th. Everything we discuss will be embedded in worship. Previous notices have explained the approach of these conversations, but please do contact me if you have any questions. Blessings, Rev. Liam

CHRISTMAS GIFT SERVICE: On Advent Sunday, 1st Dec we will be receiving items to give to people who may get very little this Christmas. We will be sharing via the Women's Refuge, One Roof Leicester, and After 18 (support for asylum seekers). The items generally needed include nice toiletries, Christmas goodies (biscuits, chocolates) and little festive items such as hats, scarves, fluffy socks, etc. Please bring unwrapped presents so they can be directed to appropriate people. Thanks for anything you can donate.

We will also have a 'Postbox' to share cards with other Church members, available from next week, alongside an opportunity to send a 'collective card' to everyone at Church. These options both come with a chance to make a donation. This year our chosen cause is '*After 18*', who we will also give some of the gifts to.

Alison, at *After 18*, writes, "Thank you very much for thinking of us. At the moment we are collecting for our education stationery packs which we give to students when they start school or college. Any contribution towards those would be gratefully received. In terms of gifts, winter hats, scarves, gloves, socks and toiletries are always appreciated most. Our young people are age 16 to 25 and the majority are young men. Thank for so much for your generosity."

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

DATES FOR DECEMBER: Connexional Advent Theme *'Hush the noise'*

Advent 1 December 1st: **Christmas Gift Service**, Revd Liam Dacre-Davis. Followed by *pizza, mince pies and satsumas*

Saturday December 7th: Messy Christmas activities for families (midday)

Advent 2 December 8th: Local Arrangement

Thursday December 19th 1.00: **Lunchtime Christmas Carols with Organ**

Advent 3 December 15th: **Nativity Play/ Communion**

Advent 4 December 22nd: **Christmas Carol Service**, Miriam Stevenson

Wednesday December 25th: **Christmas Day 10.00am service**

LUNCHTIME CHRISTMAS CAROLS WITH ORGAN: Martin Briers will be providing an Organ recital of Christmas music along with Christmas Carols, on Thursday Dec 19th. If you would like to put in a request for a favourite carol for this, please pass it to Martin or one of the Stewards, after the service on Dec 8th at the latest, to give time to assemble a program. The event will run from 1.00-1.45.

EASYFUNDRAISING: Make your shopping count for so much more by supporting us for free via #easyfundraising! Over 8,000 retailers will donate to Bishop Street Methodist Church when you shop with them online, at no extra cost to you. It only takes a moment to join and it's completely free, so please sign up today:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/bishop-street-met-ch/>

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

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

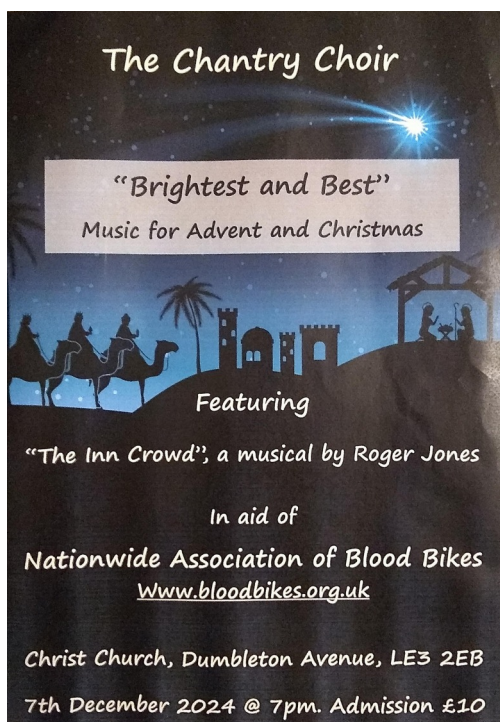
CHAPEL CAFÉ. The café is run by the Zynthiya Trust and is open 10:00-16:00 Monday to Friday and 10:00-15:00 Saturdays, serving good quality affordable fair trade hot drinks, breakfast baps, soup, jacket potatoes, sandwiches, light snacks and delicious cakes.

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.



The Chantry Choir

"Brightest and Best"
Music for Advent and Christmas

Featuring
"The Inn Crowd", a musical by Roger Jones

In aid of
Nationwide Association of Blood Bikes
www.bloodbikes.org.uk

Christ Church, Dumbleton Avenue, LE3 2EB
7th December 2024 @ 7pm. Admission £10

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.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The Chantry Choir. Saturday December 7th at 7pm at Christ Church URC, Dumbleton Avenue (Off Narborough Road) in aid of 'Blood Bikes'!