

BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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**Notices for Sunday 22nd December 2024,
10.45am Sunday Christmas Carol Service
Fourth Sunday in ADVENT: 'The Love Song'
led by Miriam Stevenson**

ADVENT 2024: Advent Theme 'Hush the noise'

10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for December 2024/January 2025

22 nd December	Miriam Stevenson. <i>Christmas Carol Service</i>
Wed 25 th Dec.	<i>Christmas Morning Service, 10.00am</i> led Revd Liam Dacre-Davis
29 th December	Ash Desai – This will be Ash's trial service as he continues his local preacher training. (Mentor: Richard Gill)
5 th January 2025	Local Arrangement
12 th January	Revd Liam Dacre-Davis (Annual Covenant Service and Holy Communion)

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.

Advent 4: THE LOVE SONG. Opening liturgy

Preparations almost complete, the time is nearly here.

Promises and praises echo all around,

Silencing the noises of injustice.

O hush the noise,

Let's hear the angels sing.

The promise of God for the servant lowly,

God who comes to the help of all,

Whose ancient promise still stands today.

O hush the noise,

Let's hear the angels sing.

And we watch and we seek,

And we learn, we pray and we praise,

And we wait and we wait.

O hush the noise,

Let's hear the angels sing.

Chorus for 'Mary's Boy Child' (by Jester Hairston)

Hark, now hear the angels sing

A new king born today

And man will live for evermore

Because of Christmas day

Trumpets sound and angels sing

Listen what they say

That Man will live for evermore

Because of Christmas day

CHRISTMAS GIFT SERVICE: Thank you to all who contributed items at the recent Gift Service, to give to people who may get very little this Christmas, which have now been passed on to the Women's Refuge, One Roof Leicester, and After 18 (support for asylum seekers).

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND MUSIC: Thank you to Martin for this week's enjoyable Thursday lunchtime Carols and Music. It was very uplifting to hear the selection of traditional carols being given fresh musical force through the improvisations of Malcolm Archer and Noel Rawsthorne.

CHRISTMAS CARD POSTBOX: We have a 'Postbox' in operation, to share cards with other Church members, 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. Thanks for anything you can donate.

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."

BIG WILD WALK: Alison Skinner would like to thank everyone from the congregation who supported her sponsored walk in October which raised £680 in total for Wildlife Trusts. The novelty of her exerting herself in this way prompted some relatives and friends to be extra generous!

EASYFUNDRAISING: We've raised £98.63 so far this year, thanks to our supporters using #easyfundraising when they make online purchases! Please keep up the good work with all your Christmas shopping, your donations are very appreciated. It's never too late to sign up and help us if you haven't already. Plus, if you sign up today we could win a £500 donation! Let's see how much we can raise together before 2024 ends: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/bishop-street-met-ch/>

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.

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

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.

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.

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