

BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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**Notices for Sunday 5th January 2025,
10.45am Sunday Service
for Epiphany Sunday
led by the Bishop Street Worship Team**

10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for January 2025	
12 th January	Revd Liam Dacre-Davis (Annual Covenant Service and Holy Communion)
19 th January	Jo Kay
26 th January	Howard Smith

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.

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.

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

Christmas 2: JESUS, THE LOVE SONG. Opening liturgy

The year is new, the day is new,
The light is newly shining,
The song is newly sung.
Let's share the song,

With angels let us sing.

We cannot touch with harps of gold,
But touch and speak and pray we can,
With smiles and words and deeds.
Let's share the song,

With angels let us sing.

So hush the turmoil with words of hope,
And hush the pain with needed care,
And hush two thousand years of wrong,
Let's share the song,

With angels let us sing.



Three Wise Men or Magi, shown in a mosaic
at the Basilica of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo, Ravenna, Italy, made in 557 AD .

Recording: **Three Kings from Persian Lands Afar**
sung by the Bath Abbey Choirs, 2021

*Three Kings from Persian lands afar
To Jordan follow the pointing star:
And this the quest of the travellers three,
Where the new-born King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.*

*How brightly shines the morning star!
With grace and truth from heaven afar
Our Jesse tree now bloweth.*

*The star shines out with a steadfast ray;
The kings to Bethlehem make their way,
And there in worship they bend the knee,
As Mary's child in her lap they see;
Their royal gifts they show to the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.*

*Of Jacob's stem and David's line,
For thee, my Bridegroom, King divine,
My soul with love o'erfloweth.*

*Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem
The Kings are travelling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace,
Shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;
Offer thy heart to the infant King.*

*Thy word, Jesu, Inly feeds us,
Rightly leads us, Life bestowing.
Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.*

Words: Peter Cornelius, trans. H N Bate; Music: Peter Cornelius,

CHRISTMAS CARD POSTBOX: Last chance to collect any cards that may still be waiting! This year our chosen cause is 'After 18'. Thanks for anything you can donate. Alison, at *After 18*, writes, "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. Thank for so much for your generosity."

EASYFUNDRAISING: It's never too late to sign up and help us if you haven't already. Online purchases can get a donation for the Church, at no extra cost to you: <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 2025: 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 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.