

## BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020,  
10.45am**

**Morning Service**  
led by Rev. Fran Rhys

**Lectionary Reading for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

**Jeremiah 31:7-14**

**Psalms 147:12-20**

**Ephesians 1:3-14**

**John 1: (1-9), 10-18**

**Sunday  
Services  
10.45am**

Junior Church/  
Sunday School  
during the  
middle part of  
the service.

Wednesday  
midweek  
service at  
1.00pm each  
week.

Rota	Stewards	Welcomers	Refreshments
5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Margret Byron	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed

Organist: Bob Rees

Flowers: by Tanvi Pate

**NIGHT SHELTER:** The interfaith Winter Night Shelter run by One Roof Leicester started on Monday 9th December. Up to 12 guests are received at our church for coffee and tea between 6-7pm every evening. 8 keyholders from the church are making this possible. Why not remember the guests and the volunteers in prayer at some point between 6-7pm? After leaving Bishop Street, the guests will be taken to a different faith venue each evening for a meal and a camp bed and shelter. Thank you for your support so far.

CHURCH CALENDAR	
JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2020	
5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	12:30-2pm Epiphany Lunch, in the church

**Epiphany Lunch:** On Sunday 5 January, 12.30-2pm there will be a bring and share lunch in the church, after the service. Please bring some food to share, and we'll sing some more carols.

## Sunday February 2nd 2020. So what's the Story...?

This Sunday the service is to be a Local Arrangement which means that members of the congregation are responsible for the conduct of worship. We have two Worship Leaders within the congregation, Mary Gill and Gladys Kusiwaa. We would like to lead worship based on the theme of stories. We are asking for help here.

**Do you have a favourite Bible story?**

**Would you be prepared to say what it is and why you like it ?**

Please speak to either of the Worship Leaders or to a steward so that planning can begin. This fits in with the President and Vice Presidents' theme for their year in office.

**Local Preacher News:** Its my pleasure to invite everyone to a special Circuit Service on January 12th to congratulate Juliet and welcome her as a fully accredited Local Preacher.

To achieve this, she has completed several years of study, and training, and is now ready to commit herself to this ministry in the Leicester Trinity Circuit. We hope that many people will gather from across the Circuit to offer her our prayers and support.

The Service will take place at Birstall Methodist Church on January 12th, at 6pm. The preacher will be Rev. Rachel Parkinson - formerly Superintendent of the Leicester (North) Circuit, and currently the Chair of the Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District.

**ROTA for January: Please sign up on the ROTA SHEET** as a welcomer or refreshments volunteer. Thank you

Rota	Led by	Stewards	Welcomers	Refreshments
12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Miriam Stevenson	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed
19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Audrey Baker/ James Blackwell	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed

REGULAR ACTIVITIES
<b>MINISTER:</b> Rev. Fran Rhys is generally in the Church Office on Wednesdays, 10.00-3.00pm. Feel free to drop in to see her, and perhaps come along to 1.00pm prayers. Phone/email (see front) to confirm a particular time or to arrange a different day to meet.
<b>Lunchtime Prayers:</b> 1.00pm on Mondays and Wednesday in the prayer corner. Communion is the 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday monthly
<b>THE CHAPEL CAFÉ:</b> The Café is open 10.00-4.00 on weekdays and 10.00-3.00 on Saturdays. Call in often, and tell your friends.
<b>OPEN CHURCH in the Barrett Room: Mondays 11.30am-1.00pm.</b> followed by prayers in the Church prayer corner at 1.00.



**'A Listening Ear'**: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, available through the Chapel Cafe between 11am and 12.30. A church member trained in listening skills, will be in the café during these times.

**Thursday Bible Study** and discussion in the Church at 12.00 noon.

**'In Stitches'** Knitting and Needlecraft. Get together to work on your projects and have a chat. **Fridays, 10.30-12.45** in the café.

*Churches Together in Leicester City Centre: First Thursday Prayers: 12.30pm*

#### **DONATING FOOD TO ZINTHIYA TRUST:**

Bishop St used to donate food to the Red Cross for people in need. They are not accepting food donations any longer and the Church Council has decided that our partners Zinthiya Trust would be a suitable alternative charity for food donations. We started with our Harvest food donations but would now like to give people an opportunity to give food regularly. They are suggesting the following tinned foods with a generous "best before" date:

Soup -vegetable, tomato, chicken, Vegetables - potatoes, peas, carrots, tomatoes, Baked beans, spaghetti, Fish -tuna, sardine, mackerel, Meat - luncheon meat, stews, Pasta and rice

There is a box kept in the vestry which stewards can bring out each service and will be passed on to Zinthiya Trust as it fills up. Anything you can contribute will be warmly welcomed.

**CHRISTMAS GIFT SERVICE THANK YOU:** December 8th was gift Sunday. We have passed your generous gifts over to women's Refuge and the community of Grace for Homeless men. Thank you so much for helping others who may not receive anything at Christmas.

**SOLAR PANELS PROJECT:** We are raising funds to install solar panels on the church roof. If you know anyone who might be prepared to donate, pick up a leaflet or direct them to

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/robin-stevenson-churchsolarpower>

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