BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCHserving people in Leicester City Centre (Reg. 1129068) charity through welcome, worship and mission. 10a Bishop Street, Town Hall Square, Leicester, LE1 6AF. Office tel. 0116 255 4111 E-mail: office@bishopstreetchurch.org.uk Minister: Rev. Fran Rhys Tel. 0116 257 1069 email fran.rhys@methodist.org.uk Sunday Services 10.45am SUNDAY 12th January 2020, Junior Church/ 10.45am Sunday School **Morning Service** during the middle part of led by Miriam Stevenson the service. Lectionary Reading for Sunday 12th January Wednesday midweek Isaiah 42:1-9 service at Psalm 29 1.00pm each

Mathew 3:13-17

Acts 10:34-43

	Stewards	Welcomers	Refreshments					
Rota								
12 th Jan	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed					
Organist: Martin Briers								

week.

Flowers: by Tanvi Pate

Local Preacher News: It's our 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

CHURCH CALENDAR						
	JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2020					
23 rd Jan 2020	1:00-1:30pm Organ recital with Philip Bricher					
23 rd Jan 2020	6.15-7.15pm Talk in the Chapel, Joseph Roberts: Grocer of Distinction By Brian Johnson					
2 nd Feb 2020	Themed Worship Stories, morning worship 10:45					

Organ Recital: For our first concert of 2020 we welcome back Philip Bricher, Organist at Holy Trinity Church, Northampton. This is a free recital, with a retiring collection for donations towards the upkeep of the organ.

Talk in the Chapel: Thursday 23rd January 2020. Time 6.15 to 7.15pm: Joseph Roberts: Grocer of Distinction by Brian Johnson. Joseph Roberts founded a grocery business in 19th Century Leicester. He was a member of Bishop Street Methodist Church. He laid the foundation stone for the school room building next to the chapel. The collection will go towards the Benevolence Fund.

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.

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

	Led by	Stewards	Welcomers	Refreshments
Rota				
19 th	James	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Jan	Blackwell/Audrey	needed	needed	needed
	Baker			
26 th	Rev. Fran Rhys,	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Jan	café church	needed	needed	needed

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

MINISTER: 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. **Lunchtime Prayers:** 1.00pm on Mondays and Wednesday in the prayer corner. Communion is the 1st Wednesday monthly

THE CHAPEL CAFÉ: The Café is open 10.00-4.00 on weekdays and 10.00-3.00 on Saturdays. Call in often, and tell your friends.

OPEN CHURCH in the Barrett Room: Mondays 11.30am-1.00pm. 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.

RSPB: Residents, relatives and volunteers are doing the RSPB 'Big Garden Bird Watch' at Aigburth Care Home on Saturday 25 January from 11am to 12 noon. As the building has 4 aspects into our garden areas, we would welcome people to help us! Please contact Marilyn Bowles, Volunteer gardener, at marilynruth1946@hotmail.com if you can assist us: thank you.

Rothley: On Tuesday, 21st January Rothley Methodist Church invite you to a bring and share lunch to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The lunch will start at 12.00 noon and will be followed by a brief service. This invitation is open to everyone who would like to come and share this time with us. All are very welcome.

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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