

BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

... serving people in Leicester city centre through welcome, worship and mission

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IMPORTANT - THIS SATURDAY MORNING - ALL MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS WELCOME

Saturday 13th June 10am – 12 noon Church Vision Morning. This will take place Zoom, facilitated by Rev'd Jenny Impey, former co-chair of London District. The morning's programme is attached with some questions for reflection before Saturday (if you have time.) The Zoom link to the meeting is

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5604319478>

Meeting ID: 560 431 9478

Dear Kindred Disciples of Christ,

1943 marked the official start of the Methodist Homes (MHA) journey, although the seeds had been germinating for some time. The Rev. Walter Hall was a Methodist Minister with a concern for those retired people without family or property and who were often, in effect, one piece of bad luck away from the workhouse. His vision was that the Methodist Church should make some provision for these older people, and he argued his case unsuccessfully at the Methodist Conference for several years.

Fast forward to 2020 when there are more than 90 MHA care homes and over 60 retirement living schemes. What a wonderful Methodist success story it is, from its humble beginnings of a community of 12 women. MHA has grown to serve more than 18,500 older people. There has also been a great diversification in the type of services offered, including specialist dementia care, such as at Foxtan Grange on Gypsy Lane here in Leicester, and live-at-home schemes. MHA is now the largest charity care provider in the UK with 7,500 employees. It has received independent awards for its end-of-life care, its extensive network of 4,000 volunteers, its pioneering chaplaincy and music therapy provision.

The other MHA home in Leicester, Aigburth at Oadby has managed to cope with some Covid 19 cases without these infecting others at the home. It is in need of volunteer support even at this time of lockdown, especially with telephone-based pastoral care and preparation of worship resources. Please be in touch with Aigburth's volunteer coordinator if you could offer an hour or two. Also, do remember Leicester's MHA care homes in your prayers – see page two of the Circuit Prayer Diary.

This Sunday at 3pm there is a live service to mark MHA Sunday. It can also be watched after the event. Prof Clive Marsh makes a short contribution at the end of the service. He says, "It sounds as if it will be a powerful event due to the many people contributing and the range and intensity of the experiences being reported and reflected on within the service." This is the link:

<https://www.mha.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/mha-sunday/>

God bless you, Rev'd Fran

Bishop Street and Circuit Diary Dates

Church Council Meeting, Thursday 25 June 7.30 – 9 pm (on Zoom)

Rev'd Daniel Yovan's Testimony Service, Sunday 5 July, 6pm (on Zoom)

Rev'd Edson Dube's Farewell Service, Sunday 26 July, 6pm (on Zoom)

Giving

Thank you to so many of you! Please continue with your generous giving to the church. It's best if you can send in your offering now, so that the church can claim Gift Aid on it, rather than waiting until the church can reopen. You could post a cheque to the church's gift aid officer, Tony Moore at 46 Holmfield Road LE2 1SA. Alternatively you could make a BACS transfer to Bishop Street Methodist Church, The Cooperative Bank sort code 08-92-99 and account number 65242955. Give your name as a reference. To God be the glory, great things God has done!

Other News

Take a look at these 30 visions for a post-Covid Leicester. Which do you especially like the look of, and why? Send an email to be included in the next notices...

<https://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/news/leicester-news/30-ideas-better-leicester-de-4190039>

If you can't get to a funeral – a worship sheet has been prepared by the Methodist Church for your use at home, at the time of the funeral, or as close as possible in time to it. Click on this link and scroll down:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/singing-the-faith-plus/seasons-and-themes/worship-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

Facebook Group Bishop Street Community needs your likes and your

comments. Inspiring daily posts to keep you and others encouraged during this difficult time.