

BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 30th August 2020

Dear Members and Adherents of Bishop Street Methodist Church

Ride and Stride Day Saturday 12th September 2020

The annual Ride and Stride day is taking place again this year in spite of the impact of Covid-19.

This is an event which raises money for the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust. The money is raised through sponsoring either riders or striders who visit churches and chapels in the city and county. Half of the money raised goes back to the church nominated by the participating person and half into the general Historic Churches fund. Last year Tanvi Pate raised funds by walking to city centre churches. In the past we have benefited from grants from the Historic Churches funds. It is a very worthy event and cause to support.

We are looking for people to be signers-in at Bishop Street on the day. The cafe will be open, but we need volunteers to sit outside (if fine) to register the visitors between 10.00 and 4.00pm. Can you give an hour to this ? You can be sponsored to be a recorder.

If anyone wishes to raise money and ride or walk round several churches, (there are 15 within walking distance within the city) then Robin Stevenson has sponsorship forms. Please send a message and contact details to the church office if you take up this challenge then people can contact you to agree to sponsor.

The churches that will be open on the day are to be found on the LHCT web site

www.lhct.org.uk

Worship, Pastoral Care, Prayer and Learning to 'serve the present age'

There has been a weekly newsletter including a 'mini' sermon from Fran and news from the Circuit and Connexion along with links to our own worship material and other services available on line via You-tube. Weekly worship material has been produced by Fran, other ministers, local preachers and worship leaders using a link to <https://bishopstreetmethodistchurchsundaystuff.wordpress.com>.

I am currently in the process of writing the Risk Assessment to ensure our safety with reference to worship and the building for community use to restart sometime in September. The café successfully reopened this week with people respecting the guidelines. It was lovely to meet the community visiting the church again. The café staff have been so helpful in ensuring we were ready with extra training and signage for the café and church.

Giving

Thank you to many of you for what you've been able to give. Offerings are 90% of what they are budgeted to be. 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 reopens. You could post a cheque to the church's gift aid officer, Tony Moore at 46 Holmfield Road

LE2 1SA. You could make a BACS transfer to Bishop Street Methodist Church. The Cooperative Bank sort code is 08-92-99 and account number 65242955. Give your name as a reference. Go to the Church's website www.bishopstreetchurch.org.uk and look for the new 'Donate' button on the Home page, for which, thanks to our treasurer's persistence. You can donate with a debit or credit card.

Bishop Street Benevolent Fund

Please can you send a small donation to help replenish this fund for people who are in financial difficulty. An offering is usually taken up at communion services, but that's not possible at present.

Please use the BACS details above, but mark it: Benevolence Fund. Thank you.

Circuit Churches

Many of our Circuit churches are in financial trouble. Following a generous donation, the circuit has set up a fund to enable it to offer support to help those churches in their mission. If you want to support this in addition to how you are supporting your local church, please use these details:

The Circuit's bank details are: Leicester Trinity Methodist Circuit (for cheques to be sent to Peter Holdridge, Circuit Steward, 25 Linden Avenue, Countesthorpe, LE8 5PG) Sort Code 08 92 99 The Co-Operative Bank, Account Number 6526 2650 The donor should use their name as the reference if paying by bank transfer. Any donor should be asked if they are able to gift aid and if so, ask Peter Holdridge for a form.