

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 1st November 2020

A message from Rev. Fran Rhys

Dear Members and Adherents of Bishop Street Methodist Church

You shouldn't come to church if you think you may have coronavirus symptoms. Also, don't come if you feel uncertain whether you should be in church for health reasons, because God in Christ is with us wherever we are

1.11.20 ZOOM ONLY MEETING

Circuit Service to Admit Heather Corlett to the office and ministry of a Local Preacher

The Zoom Link for the service on Sunday November 1st at 10:30am is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89769066525?pwd=eWZUSDJGYkV5RDczQk1nRkRiZXZCZz09>

The Meeting ID: 897 6906 6525

Passcode: 079998

By telephone: 0131 460 1196

Up-coming services:

We are all required to wear face masks throughout the service, except the person speaking at the front. Chris has attached green markers to indicate which pews should be used, to maintain suitable distances between individuals/family groups. At the moment congregational singing is not permitted, so some hymns will be played while we follow the words, and it is also permitted for a soloist to sing. If you have your own hymn book, bringing that can help, although all the church hymnbooks are stored in the vestry so are safe by the following week. You may find it useful to bring a cushion as the pews are bare, and opportunities to stand up may be fewer. Also, bring a water bottle if you need it as we cannot serve refreshments, and wrap up warm as the doors are kept open. We are not able to run any children's activities at present, but some activity packs are available for parents to supervise.

When you arrive, the welcomer will note names and contact details for test-and-trace purposes. Please do not attend if you have any potential symptoms, or if you are shielding. If you wish to check your temperature when you arrive, there is a non-contact thermometer available. There is hand cleanser and you can pick up a spare mask if you have forgotten your face covering. To reduce risks, we are also encouraged to keep services shorter, 45 minutes at the most, and we can't spend time socialising in the church after the service.

These might feel onerous and curious as a selection of regulations, but they are all achievable, and it has been a hugely welcome change that it is now possible to meet together for Christian worship.

If you are unable to attend face to face worship at the church, here are a few possibilities of worship resources for this coming Sunday.

This site provides material from Circuit preachers and worship leaders who share their reflections and prayers. The Family Friendly Churches Trust

<https://familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/> will help parents and carers of school-aged children to worship with them.

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/singing-the-faith-plus/seasons-and-themes/worship-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/> Provides Sunday "Worship at Home" sheets, and links to other live-streamed services.

MCCN Gathering

17th-18th November

On Zoom (with lots of breaks)

The theme is Wellbeing in the City where we will explore our own wellbeing as well as the wellbeing of our city or town. There will be some formal input, from Al Barrett (vicar of Hodge Hill), The Dean of Coventry (Community of the Cross of Nails), Steve Botham (Gather Network) and others as well as chances for catching up, sharing and reflecting together. If you already have things in your calendar for those few days don't worry, please come for as much or as little as you can.

Sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wellbeing-in-the-city-tickets-120502976647>

Bishop Street Blog

Check out the blog, link is below

<https://bishopstreetmethodistchurchsundaystuff.wordpress.com>

Mellow Baku

Mellow - Artist-in-residence at Bishop Street will postpone her residency until early next year, because of pressures of other work. She will still curate the November

exhibition, *Because Black Lives Matter* and design the church's Christmas card. Thank you, Mellow. We're looking forward to both.

Online Learning

St Philips Interfaith Engagement Centre offers the following opportunities for online learning:

Abrahamic Group, every second Wednesday at 10am with Tom Wilson for theological discussion on topics of mutual interest. Next date: 11 November.

Hindu-Christian dialogue and the Bhagavad Gita, First Thursday of the month at 11am with Tom Wilson and Pradip Gajjar. Next date 5 November.

Zoom links available from the St Philips Centre. Email: onlinetraining@stphilipscentre.co.uk

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.

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.