

BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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NOTICES November 15th 2020

Online Worship ONLY

Sunday 15th November is Chapel Anniversary Sunday.

Worship has been prepared by Rev'd Fran Rhys, with lively memories of former church members provided by Richard and Mary Gill. It can be found here

<https://bishopstreetmethodistchurchsundaystuff.wordpress.com/>

If you are able to make a gift, here are the various ways you can do that:

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.

Or, go to the Church's website: www.bishopstreetchurch.org.uk and look for the new 'Donate' button on the Home page. You can donate with a debit or credit card.

Following the return of Covid-19 restrictions we are unable to meet at the Church for Sunday morning service.

The 'Sunday Stuff' website will have this in text form, to be posted there by the weekend. See <https://bishopstreetmethodistchurchsundaystuff.wordpress.com/> to find this.

Online worship across the Circuit in November Sunday during lockdown

Bishop Street blog

<https://bishopstreetmethodistchurchsundaystuff.wordpress.com/>

Birstall/ Rothley section 10.30am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86491699343?pwd=aGJCWmdaUVBoMGg2aVpmanlLc1NLUT09>

Meeting ID: 864 9169 9343

Passcode: 155785

Edgehill, Mayflower, Uppingham Rd and Wesley Hall section: 11am

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/703402821?pwd=MVN1QlY2aHVHMQ2VRT3ZDcElZOG9rQT09>

Meeting ID: 703 402 821

Password: 052350

Oadby/Glen/Houghton section

10:30am. <https://zoom.us/j/787623854?pwd=bkFaMnBGamNBRGhsV1pWZ1J0bmpMUT09>

Meeting ID: 787 623 854 & Password: 016271

Syston / Harrison Road

Wednesdays 6pm & Sundays 10:30am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4884367286?pwd=aTRDaVNSbzVFSjl6RkQwUDZEQk5xdz09>

Meeting ID: 488 436 7286

Passcode: 2405

Wigston Magna/ Blaby / Countesthorpe section 11am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88984576414?pwd=K2VIRmxwMXJmajd1R1ZSTXpnc3NRQT09>

Meeting ID: 889 8457 6414 Passcode: 845334 Telephone : 02030512874

Problems with technology? Please contact one of the Church Stewards

It is possible to join zoom services using a telephone.

Once the lockdown is lifted and Covid restrictions permit, here are the forecasts for some sections:

Oadby/Great Glen / Houghton

The service will be broadcast on the screen in the Oadby Church and the Great Glen church. It will continue to be led from a mix of homes and churches. It will continue to be available online with most people participating remotely.

Wigston Magna / Blaby / Countesthorpe

Blaby will resume in person worship at 11am (and will have capacity to be joined by a few others), Countesthorpe will resume in person worship at 9.45am (and has been at capacity in the last services) and Wigston Magna will resume in person worship at 11am with a booking system as it is at capacity. All churches will have the option of joining in the service from Wigston Magna via Zoom.

Message from Francisca and Charlie, following their wedding:

With heartfelt gratitude... Thank you all for your support, well wishes, prayers and not to forget about the gifts for our special day. We had a great day. May God richly bless You and grant you happiness and long life.

With Love
Mr & Mrs Appiah

Message from Clive Marsh

Professor Clive Marsh sends thanks to all the Bishop Street congregation and friends for the part they played in during an astonishingly rich and eventful year as the Vice President of the Methodist Conference with his blessings and best wishes in these extraordinary times.

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>

Take Time Meditation James Blackhall on Zoom

Take Time Meditation session this Friday. It's a bit impromptu so I've not overly advertised it but as I want to start doing them for Bishop Street and people who come through our doors to see if there is interest and as I could do with it myself this week I thought Friday morning when I'd normally be in was as good a time as ever to run it. If any of you are interested as you are all welcome the Zoom details are below

Topic: Take Time 2

Time: Nov 20 2020 10:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 897 5412 9194 Passcode: 147959

Update from One Roof Leicester:

In normal times we would now be busy actively preparing for the winter night shelter, supporting our venues and venue coordinators to prepare venues and training volunteers and asking you up to sign up for shifts. Unfortunately, as the pandemic continues we have had guidance from Central Government and Public Health England that static night shelters can only open as a last resort and if the

Local Authority deem there is a need. However, rotating night shelters, like our winter night shelter can definitely not reopen.

New Homes

Since the pandemic started we have acquired two new properties, between them we can accommodate nine individuals, some of our previous night shelter guests are currently housed in these properties. We have an amazing team of staff and volunteers who have been supporting our residents including dropping off weekly food parcels. Thank you to everyone who drops off food donations, toiletries, cleaning supplies and much more.

On Friday we finally completed and exchanged on our second property purchase. Thank you to those of you who donated towards purchasing this property. We are now working on ensuring it meets fire safety regulations - fire doors, interlinked smoke detectors etc. We will then have to furnish it and transform it into a home. We should also be acquiring a third new rental property in early November, this is a four bed property which we are hoping to use for women.

Once we have this property we will be providing a home for up to 28 individuals. In addition to the individuals we are accommodating and supporting in our homes, we are also providing support to 11 other individuals who have been rough sleeping and need support to move on and rebuild their lives.

Donations, fundraising and Social Media

Due to Covid-19 we have had very minimal opportunities to hold fundraising events and overall donations to ORL have decreased by 50% since the pandemic started. However, we have had some successful grant applications including one from Screwfix and Migrant Exchange.

We have been selected to receive donations from the Contactless Giving points again this winter, these are located across the city. Every time someone taps we receive a £3 donation.

If you have any ideas for a Covid friendly fundraising activity please do let us know.

We are very active on our social media so if you do have twitter, Facebook or Instagram please do follow us, like and share our posts. Increasingly, grant funders look at our social media posts and the number of people who follow us as part of their background checks.

This winter is going to be very different from previous years for all of us. If you need any support do reach out to us, there are many individuals in our ORL family who are willing to help.

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: 25 November.

Hindu-Christian dialogue and the Bhagavad Gita, First Thursday of the month at 11am with Tom Wilson and Pradip Gajjar. Next date 3 December.

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.

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