



BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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NOTICES February 28th 2021

‘Bless the Lord my soul, and bless God’s holy name, bless the Lord my soul,
who leads me into life.’ Taize chant, based on Psalm 103:1-5

Church Council met on 23 Feb and decided, among other matters, that based on the government’s roadmap out of the lockdown and on the current risk factors, the soonest the congregation should consider meeting for face to face worship is May 17th. Further updates will be shared through these notices and on the website.

The 28th February Sunday morning service, at 10.30 for 10.45am led by local preacher, Graham Tennant will take place online, using the link below. It is the second in a Lent series about the Methodist Way of Life, looking at worship. Similar material can be found on Bishop Street Methodist Church’s Sunday Stuff blog (see link further below.) If you’ve enjoyed the last few services, why not encourage someone else to log in?

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5604319478?pwd=Q3Y2di9pbjRMK1RuOG9nb0F2aGZKUT09>

Meeting ID: 560 431 9478
Passcode: 343329

Telephone: 0203 901 7895

Circuit Service on Sunday evening 28th February at 6pm will be led by Rev Gordon Webb
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87603771006?pwd=OTFSQ2JiL3hkWUp1NnU1b1ZiVDJudz09>

Meeting ID: 876 0377 1006

Passcode: 281338

Telephone: 0203 901 7895

A Methodist Way of Life 5-part series will take place in Lent led by Michael Wadsworth from the Learning Network, for the Circuit. He will lead an online course on five **Wednesdays from 4-5pm.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84155656417?pwd=WUpiUVFWMmN3M1NqBjE1TQU5GNHQ2dz09>

Meeting ID: 841 5565 6417

Passcode: 569481

Week two on Weds 3 March and March 10 will consider worship and questions such as:

What is the pattern of your prayer life?

How easy or hard do you find it to pray?

What has spoken to you recently in worship or in the Bible?

When, lately, have you felt close to God or distant from God?

The services in March follow the themes of 'Our Calling' listed on the Membership card and continue the series on 'The Methodist Way of Life' begun by Rev Fran Rhys on 12st February and today by Graham Tennant - **Worship And Prayer**

Sunday 7th March Lent 3 Richard Tinley - **Learning and Caring**

Sunday 14th March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday Rev Gordon Webb - **Service**

Sunday 21st March Lent 5 Passion Sunday Jean Thornton - **Evangelism**

Sunday 28th March Lent 6 Palm Sunday - Rev Fran Rhys - **Reading of the Passion story from St Mark**

Bishop Street Methodist Church Sunday Stuff blog with worship resources <https://bishopstreetmethodistchurchsundaystuff.wordpress.com/> for Sunday morning worship material, including Youtube hymns

Bishop Street Pastoral Committee meets on Monday 8 March at 7pm. The same Zoom link that is used for Sunday morning worship will be used. Please can all pastoral visitors try to attend.

Five-Year Mission Plan for the church The final version of this mission plan is attached to these notices. This version incorporates comments made after worship in mid-January and at Forward Planning Meeting, and also includes observations from a 'candid friend' to Bishop Street, Jonathan Kerry. We'll be able to see how well we are responding to this at the General Church Meeting on 9th May and at future Forward Planning meetings.

Praying Lent with Launde Abbey Every day from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday Launde Abbey is providing a brief daily service of worship and prayer as part of our Launde@Home programme (the services can be listened to online or downloaded) so you can [join us - and hundreds of others - in day by day prayer](#). On Ash Wednesday and on each Sunday we're also offering a short reflection on the Gospel reading for the day.

And you can come alongside others at any of our online retreats: [Curious Contemplative](#) (a retreat for Lent), [Love's Struggle, Love's Renewal](#) (over the Easter weekend) and [Revealing the Resurrection](#) (in Easter Week).

Magnet magazine resources, including Lent activity ideas for young people (£13 p.a.)

<https://ourmagnet.hymnsam.co.uk/articles/112/articles/lent-activities-for-young-people-making-a-joyful-noise/>

The World Day of Prayer service comes this year from Vanuatu, an island nation in the Pacific Ocean. A service will be hosted by members of churches in Leicester city centre churches on Friday 5th March at 10.30am for 10.45 start. This is always a creative service prepared by women throughout the world, through which we learn about another part of the world and pray with people holding services round the world on this day. The World Day of Prayer support projects around the world with women and children and would highly appreciate a donation here. <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/>

The Zoom link is below and people from anywhere in the city and county are welcome to join in.

Topic: WWDP service

Time: Mar 5, 2021 10:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83906631896?pwd=NkV6Q29PUEN0ZDM5Tjk0N2szZGdSQ09>

Meeting ID: 839 0663 1896

Passcode: 267621

Police Accountability – paid part-time panel member is sought. Please follow link below:

<https://shrsc.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/channel-1/appcentre-3/brand-5/xf-17ae069cf16e/candidate/so/pm/6/pl/1/opp/3397-Joint-Audit-Risk-and-Assurance-Panel-Member/en-GB>

Fairtrade Fortnight Feb 22 - March 7 This is our annual chance to learn more about the growers in the developing world who grow our tea, coffee, chocolate sugar, bananas and other products. These are all marked in our supermarkets with the Fairtrade mark. The link below takes you to the main site.

<https://action.fairtrade.org.uk/page/73941/subscribe/1?ea.tracking.id=fthp202>

Click on Fairtrade Fortnight: choose the world you want then how can I get involved and follow to the online festival which should be this link below:

<https://action.fairtrade.org.uk/page/73941/subscribe/1?ea.tracking.id=fthp2021>

You register with your email address and you will be sent links to a free online festival with discussions and growers talks throughout the fortnight.

Art exhibition There is an art exhibition for young people up to age 25 for them to submit an art project on the theme of Choose the world you want.

<https://schools.fairtrade.org.uk/teaching-resources/choose-the-world-you-want-an-activity-for-young-people-ages-5-25/>

Just Shop Support the work of the Just shop which can do click and collect

<https://justfairtrade.com/>

Contact Alison Skinner beowulf48@btinternet.com for any further information

Circuit gains a Deacon The Leicester Trinity Methodist Circuit will be enriched from 1st September by the presence of a deacon within the staff team: Deacon Sharon Dilley from the Aire and Calder Circuit.

'A deacon's role focusses on bridging the gap between the church and the world'. Sharon's role will involve two projects -

1. Working with three village church congregations (Cosby, Countesthorpe and Blaby) to identify and implement strategies to build community links and develop the outreach of these churches.

2. Working with a small group to initiate a new project in Belgrave, establishing a new community of witnessing, serving, worshipping people.

Our new and remaining presbyters:

Rev. Liam Dacre-Davis, his wife Holly and two young children, moving to Leicester from the Walsall Circuit. Liam will have pastoral charge of Bishop Street and South Wigston.

Rev. Dr. Israel Selvanayagam with his wife Leela from the South Worcester Circuit. Israel will have pastoral charge of Mayflower, Uppingham Road, and Wesley Hall.

Rev. Paula Hunt will continue to have responsibility for Birstall and Rothley, as well as her role as Superintendent Minister of the Circuit.

Rev. Derek McLean will continue to have pastoral charge of Oadby, Great Glen and Houghton.

Rev. Daniel Yovan will have pastoral charge of Syston, Cosby, Countesthorpe and Blaby.

Rev. Debra Chidakwa-Akue will have pastoral charge of Nativity, Christchurch and Wigston Magna.

Support groups such as AA, NA and CA will continue to meet as usual at the church, still following strict Covid safety requirements. Further details can be gained from office@bishopstreetchurch.org.uk or from support group websites.

Whatsapp Group - A message from Tanvi We have decided to start a Bishop Street Methodist Church WhatsApp Group. The purpose of this group is to stay updated with our Church-related activities and remain in touch with the members of BSMC. If you would like to join this group please email your phone number to Tanvi Pate (tanvi.pate36@gmail.com) and she will add you to the group. Best regards, TP

Donations During lockdown our message has been that offerings have been around 90% of what they are budgeted to be and we have asked whilst the church has been closed that you send a cheque to the church's Gift Aid Officer, Tony Moore at 46 Holmfield Road Leicester LE2 1SA. You can also make a BACS transfer to Bishop Street Methodist Church through our Cooperative Bank account - sort code 08-92-99 and account number 65242955. Alternatively you can go to the Church's website www.bishopstreetchurch.org.uk and look for the new 'Donate' button on the Home page and donate with a debit or credit card.