



## **BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH**

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

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### **NOTICES March 21st 2021**

**The Sunday 21st March morning service**, at 10.30 for 10.45am led by Mrs Jean Thornton will take place online This is the fifth in the Lent series looking at the Methodist Way of Life, with a focus on Evangelism, using the link below. Similar material can be found on Bishop Street Methodist Church's Sunday Stuff blog [Click me for the Bishop Street Sunday Blog](#). including the Service

If you've enjoyed the last few services, why not encourage someone else to log in.

[click me for the Sunday Morning service](#)

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**The Sunday Evening Circuit service on 21 March at 6pm** will be led by Rev Fran Rhys for the Circuit.

[click me for the Sunday Evening Service](#)

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**Reflecting on the pandemic a year on.** The Revd Richard Teal and Carolyn Lawrence, the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, have issued this message ahead of the anniversary of the first lockdown:

"The past year has asked much of us as individuals, families and communities. For many hundreds of thousands of us it has been a time of immense grief for the loss of loved ones. For others the economic uncertainty and restrictions on our day to day activities have taken a huge toll on mental wellbeing. Others may be living with the effects of long Covid not knowing how long it will last. We pray that this anniversary will be a time of deep reflection, prayer and a time to process all that has passed. We also mark a solemn time in Lent just ahead of Holy Week. As we begin the journey to the cross, let us take comfort in the knowledge that we are never alone, that Jesus is walking with us and that our hope lies in Christ.

"We invite you to join us at 12.45pm on Monday 22nd March [Live on Facebook](#) where we will offer a reflection, prayer and a short time of togetherness to acknowledge what we have all been through and ask for God's guidance as we face a hopeful but uncertain time ahead.

"And please join the national [Day of Reflection](#) on Tuesday 23rd March when there will be a minute's silence at midday and an invitation to join in lighting your doorstep at 8pm that night."

**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.

[A Methodist Way of Life 5-part series link](#)

Meeting ID: 841 5565 6417 Passcode: 569481

**Bishop Street Methodist Church ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**, for the Leicester Methodist Circuits, will be a zoom service on Friday 2nd April at 10am: Into the Night: Mark's *'Passion'* in words and images.

[Bishop Street Methodist Church GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE](#)

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**Arocha Eco Church District Event on Monday 12 April 7pm.** As a registered Eco District we are working towards our bronze award. In order to achieve this we need as many Eco churches in our District as possible.

Please follow this link to the Eventbrite page to learn more about this free event and to register your place. [Northampton Methodist District Tickets click me](#)

**Methodist Women in Britain online Conference Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 'Together, with Hope on the Way'**. Keynote speaker Sister Imelda Poole from Albania, to talk about her work educating and training young people to help prevent them becoming trafficked. There will also be worship, prayer and Bible study, plus news and information on the work of the World Federation, and a chance to celebrate together the tenth anniversary of MWiB. More information and register interest now on the MWiB website: [MWiB Website here](#)

**Remembrance Vigil COVID19 event** - One Year On 23rd March 5pm - On Zoom One year from the start of the first national lockdown, Faith leaders, the Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire Mr Mike Kapoor, the Lord Mayor Cllr Annette Bryne, and the Bishop of Leicester Rev Martyn Snow will all join to remember for those lost to COVID-19 and their loved ones.

**A minute silence will be held at five past five (5.05pm) on Tuesday 23rd March 2021 via zoom**

[Remembrance Vigil COVID19 event click here](#)

Meeting ID: 825 4728 3024 Passcode: LCOFCOVID

Covid-19 has impacted everyone irrespective of the faith, background, ethnic group and many have suffered the pain of their loved ones being lost during this time. A mark of remembrance at the anniversary of the first national lockdown is a way for us to show our respects and unity by standing together.

**Donations** Understandably, offerings have slipped a little in the last months, so that giving is just under 90% of what the Treasurer estimated. Do check that your giving to the church is up to date. Please either send a cheque to the church's Gift Aid Officer, Tony Moore at 46 Holmfield Road Leicester LE2 1SA, or 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](http://www.bishopstreetchurch.org.uk) and look for the new 'Donate' button on the Home page and donate with a debit or credit card.

**Benevolent Fund** There have been recent calls on this fund, so it would be good to increase funds available for those in financial difficulty. Please make a donation, if you are able, via one of the above methods, marking it clearly: Benevolent Fund.