



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 16th May 2021

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in.

Message from Rev Fran:

We're now well used to all the Covid secure features that still have to be in place for face to face worship: wear a mask; sign in on arrival for track and trace purposes; use hand sanitiser; don't mingle before or afterwards, except out of doors; don't come to church if you suspect you may have the corona virus. no singing other than solo singing is allowed; cleaning will take place before and after the service, so volunteers are needed for this role. Please let Chris or I know if you are able to help.

Gate Fobs will need to be reprogrammed if not done already. Chris is here Sunday morning for this. It's a major milestone that we believe it's safe to resume for worship, and further relaxations of restrictions may well follow in late June.

At the General Church Meeting on 9th May it was confirmed that the Church will reopen for 'face to face' worship on Pentecost Sunday, 23rd May at 10.45am. If you would prefer to join the service at the same time via Zoom, that will still be possible. In addition, this recorded Zoom service will be put on the Sunday Stuff blog (see web address below.)

Also at the General Church Meeting the new appointments list was approved, with Robin Stevenson and Esther Stevenson stepping up as a Steward and a Junior Steward. Gladys Kusiwaa will be a congregational representative on Church Council, whenever this is held on Zoom. Stepping down as Stewards are: Hope Ncube, Boas Lee, and Francisca Incoom. They were thanked for their service over several years.

Finally, there was some lively discussion about which areas of carbon footprint we find easier or more difficult to reduce. The points were made that we should focus on reducing activities which produce a lot of damaging carbon, and that we should focus on positive steps, such as more walking and cycling.

The service on 23rd May will be led by local preacher, Graham Tennant, and this will be followed on Sunday 30th by a Communion service led by Rev Fran Rhys.

Sunday Service on 16th May at 10.30 for 10.45am is a local arrangement service with a Christian Aid theme, led by Mary Gill, Alison Skinner and others.

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Sunday morning link

The Sunday evening Circuit service on 16 May at 6pm is the Easter Offering service prepared by Methodist Women in Britain. Offerings go to Methodist Church partners in other countries.

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Telephone: 0203 901 7895

Bishop Street Methodist Church Sunday Stuff blog with worship resources

<https://bishopstreetmethodistchurchsundaystuff.wordpress.com/> for Sunday morning worship material, including hymns in the public domain via Youtube.

Worship Consultation: Monday 17th May at 7.30pm On this Zoom link. All are welcome to attend.

Join Zoom Meeting

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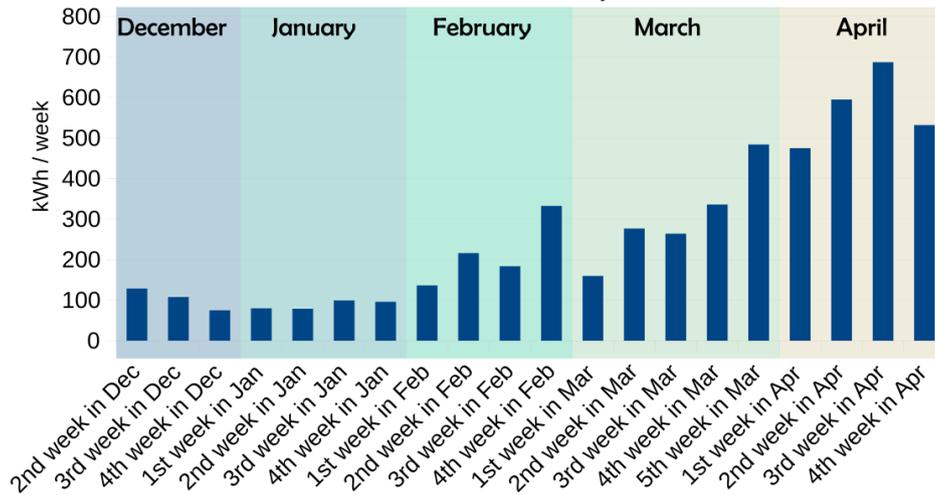
Christian Aid Week runs from May 10-16. This year it features the stories of Florence and Rose - women from Kenya whose tea growing business is threatened by climate change induced drought. We will be having a Christian Aid themed service on May 16 via Zoom using the resources supplied. You can learn more at www.christianaid.org.uk where you can make your donations as we cannot distribute envelopes this year.

Donations Thank you for all your faithful and generous donations. Giving is just under 90% of what the Treasurer estimated would be received. Do check that your giving to the church is up to date, or consider making a small increase if possible. 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 and look for the 'Donate' button on the Home page and donate with a debit or credit card.

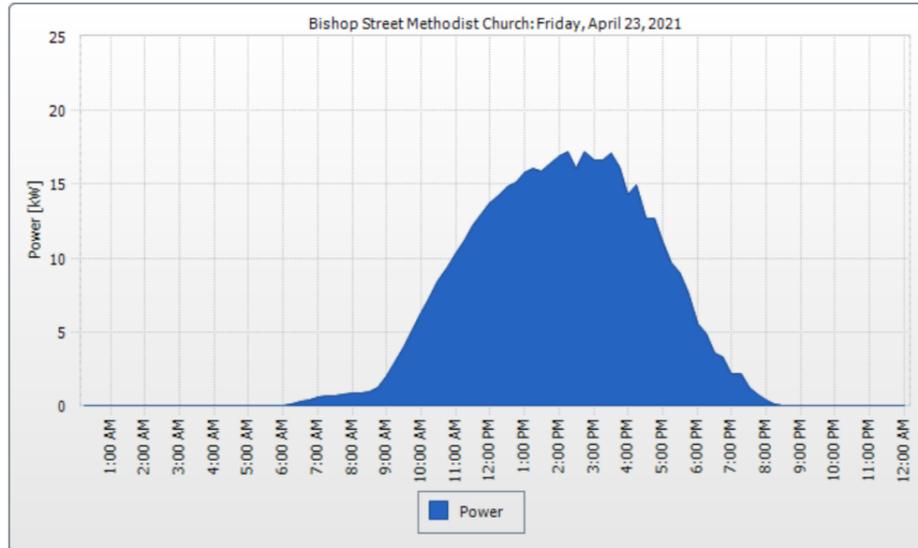
Christian Aid Week 10-16 May, 2021. 'Thanks for my vaccination' donations can be made via www.christianaid.org.uk (see poster attached.)

Jesus said, "You can see now how it is written that the Messiah suffers, rises from the dead on the third day, and then a total life-change through the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed in his name to all nations – starting from here, from Jerusalem!" (Luke 24: 46-47 in 'The Message' by E. Peterson)

Solar Panels at Bishop Street



Update for the Bishop Street solar panels (installed 12th Dec 2020). The first five months production are shown above. The gloomy days of January, producing 70kWh or more per week, have given way to a very sunny April averaging over 500 kWh per week. A typical UK home currently gets through around 75 kWh a week, to give an idea of just how useful this amount of electricity is. The graph below shows the daily production on 23rd April, our sunniest day so far, generating 118kWh on that day alone, and generating from 6.00am to 8.00pm. This 14 hour generation period is particularly useful to the church, even at quite low power, as it extends the period when the solar power contributes to what the church is using.



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