



BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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NOTICES for 19th September, 2021

'Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else'. Mark 9:35

Services for September 2021

Sunday 19th September

Local arrangement Richard Gill

Sunday 26th September

Liam Dacre-Davies Harvest Festival

The Sunday morning service will be recorded and the basic video will be available on an unlisted Youtube link from late lunchtime on Sunday. If you would like to be sent the link to watch later on Sunday or in the week, please request this from Miriam (mcg9@le.ac.uk). We will also mount the link on the blog (see link below).

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

Sunday 26th September is our Harvest Festival.

Please bring gifts of non-perishable foods for the Community Shop and food bank run by Zinthiya Trust.

Tinned fish, meat, vegetables, pasta, rice, tea, coffee, sugar, cereal, wrapped biscuits.

Refreshments after the morning service for 26th September.

We plan to restart serving hot drinks, squash, and biscuits after the service. Can you volunteer to come by 10.15 am to set up the cups etc.?

If someone who has done this before could offer and then anyone new can see what is needed. Mary Gill will arrange someone to bring in milk, tea, coffee and biscuits. Please let Mary Gill or Miriam Stevenson know if you can help.

Sunday Evening Circuit service at 6.00pm via Zoom - Leicester Trinity Methodist Circuit

Sept 19 Rev. Israel Selvanayagam, minister in the Trinity Circuit

Sept 26 Rev. Paula Hunt, superintendent minister of the Trinity Circuit

Oct 3 Rev. Gordon Webb, supernumerary minister in the Trinity Circuit

Oct 10 Miriam Stevenson, local preacher in the Trinity Circuit

Oct 17 Rev. Derek McLean, minister in the Trinity Circuit
Oct 24 Rev. Daniel Yovan, Minister in the Trinity Circuit

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87603771006?pwd=OTFSQ2JiL3hkWUp1NnU1b1ZiVDJucz09>

Meeting ID: 876 0377 1006

Passcode: 281338

If you wish to join by telephone, dial 0203 901 7895,
and be ready to enter the Meeting ID and Passcode.

Prayer Hand books 2021-22 This Sunday marks the start of the new Methodist Church Year. The Prayer Handbook is designed to take us through the year with prayers for each day of the month and a guide to the Lectionary readings for each day of the calendar year. Please collect your **free** copy and sign the list.

Methodist Women in Britain.

The next District event is on Saturday 2nd October 2021 from 10.00am to 3.30.pm by Zoom. Led by Rev'd Helen Cameron, Chair of Northampton District.

This will be a day linking us with the church in Cameroon, including a conversation with Bishop Samuel Fonki and women church members.

Worship and Bible study will be shared and it will be a chance to get to know more about the life of the church in Cameroon.

To register please contact Mary Gill : richardandmarygill@gmail.com
by Thursday 30th September and the Zoom link will be sent to you

Climate Action Leicester and Leicestershire Vigils- From September a silent vigil will be held at the Clock Tower on the 2nd Monday at 12-1.0pm and on the 4th Friday at 5.0 - 6.0pm.

Please wear black or white.

Following up from our Climate Sunday Service we're so excited for the Nations' Climate Sunday Service on Sunday 5 September, live from Glasgow Cathedral. It's an opportunity to celebrate everything you have done as part of the Climate



Sunday movement, and everything churches across Britain and Ireland have committed to for the climate in the lead up to COP26
You can watch the Nations' Climate Sunday Service live online, from 3.30pm. Make sure you've booked through our Eventbrite to get the link sent straight to you.

Book your free online ticket here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nations-climate-sunday-service-churches-prepare-for-cop-26-tickets-165258230817>.

Upcoming Dates for Church council

Forward Planning Meeting: Tuesday September 28, 7.30pm by Zoom

Worship Consultation: Monday October 4, 7pm by Zoom

Pastoral Meeting: Sunday October 10, 12.30pm after the morning service.

Church Council: Thursday October 14, 7.30pm by Zoom

Afghan welcome appeal

After18 is a charity which supports unaccompanied young refugees in Leicester to rebuild their lives. We act as a consistent and trusted support base for young people to turn to whenever they need advice or support.

Currently our Afghan service users are contacting us to ask for help in the current crisis. We are assisting them in supporting their evacuated family members – mainly women, children and babies who are not part of any of the government schemes for Afghans.

They are arriving with nothing, so we are urgently appealing for donations to assist us with the costs of meeting their immediate and basic needs.

- **£20** would pay for a caseworker appointment to help complete essential paperwork.
- **£30** would pay for a maternity pack for a new mum.
- **£50** would pay for a support group session for older children.

Please donate to support us in welcoming Afghan refugees.

Go to www.after18.org.uk/support-us

Thank you!

Open Church hopes to reopen on Mondays from 11.30 - 1pm. So that it can open every Monday, we are looking for 2 more volunteers. It is basically a 'drop in' where a core of 6-8 people talk with each other and drink tea and coffee. The volunteer's role is to talk with people, and while Covid restrictions are around, to clean tables before and after the meeting and to serve drinks. The meeting is then followed by optional prayers in the church. If anyone is interested in joining the team, please contact me: margaretmackley@hotmail.com

Methodist News this Week

<https://methodist-news.org.uk/BVI-7J6B0-84CBE9659B8B9C065V64QH29073FDBD49A318B/cr.aspx>

Connexional Guidance on Covid and Property is now out. It advises a continued, cautious phased return, taking into consideration matters such as personal vulnerability, and it recommends the wearing of masks, limiting the number of hymns sung "when permitted", facilitating ventilation, and continuing track and trace records. A Risk assessment is still necessary. We're to consider retaining the reasonable safe practices for cafes when providing or distributing food and drink, such as after a service or other events. Coronavirus Guidance for Property (methodist.org.uk)

Donations Thank you for all your faithful and generous donations. Giving is at about 80% 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. Envelopes are ready for collection from the church vestry. 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.