



## **BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH**

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

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**Minister: Rev. Liam Dacre-Davis**

Psalm 71 Prayer for Lifelong Protection and Help

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.  
In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
incline your ear to me and save me.  
Be to me a rock of refuge,  
a strong fortress, to save me,  
for you are my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.  
For you, O Lord, are my hope,  
my trust, O Lord, from my youth.  
Upon you I have leaned from my birth;  
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.  
My praise is continually of you.

### January and February 2022 Services

30th January	Howard Smith - Local Preacher
6th February	Liam Dacre-Davies, Holy Communion
13th February	Jean Thornton - Local Preacher
20th February	Howard Smith - Local Preacher
27th February	Liam Dacre-Davies - Sunday before Lent

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](mailto:mcg9@le.ac.uk)). We will also mount the link on the blog (see link below).

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

**SUNDAY EVENING CIRCUIT SERVICES.** Bishop Street is part of the Leicester Trinity Methodist Circuit, a group of churches across the north, east and south sides of Leicester and Leicestershire. There are Sunday Evening circuit services each week to which all are welcome. They are held at 6.00pm via Zoom.

Date	Circuit Service preachers:
30th January	Revd Kate Cook
6th February	Revd Liam Dacre-Davis
13th February	Revd Paula Hunt
20th February	Revd Derek McLean
27th February (Sunday before Lent)	Revd Daniel Yovan

Zoom link for all these services is:-

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87603771006?pwd=OTFSQ2JiL3hkWUp1NnU1b1ZiVDJudz09>

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.

### **Barbara Kolaczek 11th June 1955 - 20th December 2021.**

Barbara died suddenly and unexpectedly on 20th December 2021. Due to the Christmas and New Year holiday period, news of the funeral arrangements only came through early this week with little time to share this information. Several members of the congregation were able to attend her funeral service on Thursday at Countesthorpe crematorium at 9.00am.

Miriam Stevenson wrote and read a eulogy, copies of which are available in the foyer area or can be sent to you by email on request.

Barbara had been a very faithful member of Bishop Street church since her reception into membership in 1987. She had belonged to many of the groups which met over the years, had been a Trustee as a member of the Church Council and a regular visitor to the Chapel Cafe since it opened in 2012.

She transferred her membership to Cosby Methodist church in 2019 and settled into that worshipping community. She is sorely missed by her friends, especially George, who had transformed her life in her later years with his loving care for her.

## **Dates for your Diary.**

**The next Church Council meeting will be on Wednesday 23rd February 2022.**

If it is via Zoom at 7.0pm or in person 7.30pm. To be decided.

## **World Day of Prayer Friday 4th March 2022.**

This year the service has been prepared by the Christian Women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The theme is 'I know I have plans for you'.

The City Centre service will be held at **St Margaret's Church** ( Opposite the St Margaret's Bus station across Vaughan Way).

Time: **11.00 am.**

Refreshments will be available after the service.

The service has been prepared by women, but ALL are welcome to attend and join in this ecumenical service, uniting gathered congregations around the world.

## **Sunday 6th March 2022 is to be our Annual Gift Day.**

We did not have a Gift Day last year in 2021. It helps our church budget to have that extra gift from everyone in addition to your weekly giving. It is doubly important this year as we are trying to raise our income back to the pre pandemic levels so that we can meet the expected expenditure for this year. This is the 1st Sunday in Lent so a time when we are considering what we might do practically to mark this period in the church year..

Please bear this request in mind and make whatever contribution you can. Gift Day envelopes will be available soon.

Finally....

**Sunday 8th May 2022 will be the General Church Meeting within the service from 10.45am.**

**Bible Study.** The Bible Study group meets every Thursday lunch time, 12 noon to 1.00pm, in the church. All are welcome to join the group who are currently studying the Gospel of Mark. For more information speak to Richard Gill

**Connexional Guidance on Covid and Property** is now out [The Methodist News](#) please click the link for the latest on Covid Guidance.

**Cell Group** will be meeting on the third Wednesday in the month as usual, that is 19th, at 2pm in the vestry. The group would welcome some new members so please contact Dee on 241 8742 if this is something that you feel might be helpful as we start a new year. Next month the group is starting new book about reading and understanding Paul's writing and theology (in lay people's language!)

**Chapel café.** The café is open from 10:00-16:00 Monday to Friday and 10:00-15:00 Saturdays.

**Weekly Offerings** At the end of the first quarter, giving has dropped to just over 70% of what was budgeted for. 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](http://www.bishopstreetchurch.org.uk) and look for the 'Donate' button on the Home page and donate with a debit or credit card.