



## **BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH**

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

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'Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is freedom'. 2 Corinthians 3:17.

### **February 2022 Services**

27th February      Liam Dacre-Davies - Sunday before Lent

### **March 2022 Services**

6th March              Rev Liam Dacre-Davies and guest preacher Rev David Clark -  
(Gift Day)

13th March            Local Arrangement with Richard Gill - Local Preacher

20th March            Rev Liam Dacre-Davies - Holy Communion

27th March            Jean Thornton - Local Preacher

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:
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.

### **Dates for your Diary.**

**Ash Wednesday communion service** on Wednesday 2nd, 1pm. The service is open to everyone, and will include 'Ashing' for all who wish to participate.

**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.

Gift day envelopes are now available on the table in the cafe area. Please add your envelope scheme number to your envelope so that Tony can claim Gift Aid on your donation.

**Praying with the Psalms.** On the first 4 Sundays in Lent the preachers have been asked to include a Psalm in their service.

The chosen Psalm will be included on the notice sheet in advance of the service.

**Two baptisms on Sunday 3rd April 2022.** This is the day when Francisca and Charles' daughter Jessie is to be baptised. She will be joined by her cousin, born to Francisca's twin brother in 2021.

This will be a special family celebration for them all and they invite everyone to join them for refreshments after the service.

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.



## Life on the Breadline

Lent Course 2022

Combining prayer, short videos, bible passages, guided reflections, discussion and take-away actions, *Life on the Breadline* is a 6-session Lent Course exploring Christian responses to poverty.

The course has been developed from 3 years of research engaging with church leaders, everyday Christians, and community groups across the UK.

Members of Bishop Street & South Wigston Methodist Churches will be meeting on Zoom every **Monday (7<sup>th</sup> March – 11<sup>th</sup> April), 7.30pm**, and invite others to join them.

For more information, and for course materials, please visit:  
[www.breadlineresearch.coventry.ac.uk/churches/lent-course](http://www.breadlineresearch.coventry.ac.uk/churches/lent-course)

Please contact Rev Liam Dacre-Davis to request the Zoom link:  
[liam.dacre-davis@methodist.org.uk](mailto:liam.dacre-davis@methodist.org.uk)

**Cell Group** will be meeting on the third Wednesday in the month as usual, at 2pm in the vestry. The group would welcome some new members so please contact Dee on 241 8742. Next month the group is starting new book about reading and understanding Paul's writing and theology (in lay people's language!)

## Methodist Prayer for the Ukraine

Holy and Gracious God

We pray for the people of the Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders.

We pray for all those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear.

We pray for all those who have the power over life and death; that they will choose for all people life, and life in all its fullness.

We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that you direct your people to turn our swords into ploughshares and seek for peace.

We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ.

Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace for Ukraine.

And we ask this in the name of your blessed Son.

Lord have mercy.

Amen

**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.