



BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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'Mary, new disciple, in the upper room,
Waiting, watching, praying - Spirit's coming soon.
Mother of the Christ-child, suffering, faithful, true,
We have now a Saviour. God be praised for you!'

Excerpt from 'Remembering Mary' by Gillan Collins

March 2022 Services

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). 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.

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.

More news on Circuit Services:

Midweek Holy Communion on Thursday mornings at 11am for 30 minutes. In rotation: first Thursday at Uppingham Road, second Thursday at Mayflower (Devotion Room) and third Thursday at Wesley Hall. No service on the fourth or fifth Thursday.

Monthly Bible Study by Zoom: last Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. For zoom link and study notes in advance,

contact Julie Manning: manningsthe@hotmail.com 0116 276 7916

Monthly interreligious meeting of Faith and Friendship Forum jointly organised by Mayflower, sectional Methodist Churches and St. Philip's Centre on the third Thursday at 7 pm starting with refreshments. The first event with the new arrangement will be held on Thursday 19th May at Mayflower. Contact James Blackhall jamesblackhall@gmail.com 0795 760 8617

The Tree of Life: an online Circuit Bible Study

Each Sunday evening during Lent, Rev Paula Hunt will lead us in worship and Bible Study on the theme of the Tree of Life.

There is a tree on the first page of the Bible, and a tree on the last page, and on almost every page in between.

They remind us of God's presence, and where there is a tree, someone has to make a choice.

You are welcome to join us each Sunday at 6pm for worship, prayer, and an exploration of the trees in the Bible.

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Planning for Good Friday. You are invited to join a planning group for a time of worship on Good Friday (15th Apr). Everyone is welcome to share their ideas in a meeting after worship on Sunday 20th March. If you can't be join the meeting but have ideas to share, please email your suggestions to liam.dacre-davis@methodist.org.uk.

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.

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!)

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

ALL WE CAN. Finally, our £156 raised by donations made at Christmas has reached ALL WE CAN and they send their thanks. So 3 families in Zimbabwe now can each have a goat.



ALL WE CAN are also appealing for funds to help support refugees fleeing from Ukraine. Sending a gift of money is the best way to help.

Please go to their website to donate online.

Gladys, a member of the Bishop Street Methodist church has been attending an ecumenical women's conference (on a small scale) annually, which she found very inspiring and would like to extend the invitation to women in our circuit and beyond to come along this year. It is called Y-Pray which was born out of the World Day of Prayer movement.

[Y-Pray? 2021 - World Day Of Prayer](#)

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 and look for the 'Donate' button on the Home page and donate with a debit or credit card.



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 (7th March – 11th 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

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

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