

BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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**SUNDAY 8th December 2019,
10.45am**

Morning Service
led C. Marsh

Lectionary Reading for Sunday 8th December

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3: 1-12

**Sunday
Services
10.45am**

Junior Church/
Sunday School
during the
middle part of
the service.

Wednesday
midweek
service at
1.00pm each
week.

| Rota | Stewards | Welcomers | Refreshments |
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| 8 th Dec | M. Byron /Peter Chitswnga | Margret Mackley | Alison Skinner |

Organist: Martin Briers

NIGHT SHELTER: The interfaith Winter Night Shelter run by One Roof Leicester starts on Monday 9th December. The 10 guests will be received at our church for coffee and tea between 6-7pm every evening. 8 keyholders from the church are making this possible. Why not remember the guests and the volunteers in prayer at some point between 6-7pm? After leaving Bishop Street, the guests will be taken to a different faith venue each evening for a meal and a camp bed and shelter.

| CHURCH CALENDAR | |
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| DECEMBER 2019 | |
| Thur 12 Dec | Talk in the Chapel - While shepherds watched, music and images by Neil Crutchley 6.15-7.15pm |
| Sat 14 Dec | Handel's Messiah rehearsal 10-1pm |
| Sat 14 Dec | Handel's Messiah Performance 3pm |
| Thur 19 Dec | Lunchtime Organ Concert - Martin Briers 1-1:30pm |
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‘COME AND SING MESSIAH’: We will be presenting *Handel’s Messiah* on Sat 14th Dec 2019. Come and listen, or better still, come and sing. Rehearsals 10.00am-1.00pm. Performance at 3.00pm, with Knighton Orchestra, conducted by Paul Jenkins.

Talk in the chapel: Neil Crutchley who was for many years the music critic for the Leicester Mercury, will be giving his annual talk on Christmas music at Bishop Street Methodist Church on Thursday 12th December at 6.15pm. This year Neil’s topic will be the many tunes to which the carol ‘While shepherds watched’ has been sung. The talk is the second in a series called Christmas with St Luke, which will explore the ways in which the Christmas story owes many of its episodes and meanings to St Luke’s gospel. There is no Charge for admission. The talks will end by 7.15pm.

Organ Recital: Our next Lunchtime Concert will be on 19 December at 1pm and will feature traditional Christmas Carols and Organ Music featuring our own organist Martin Briers. Come and sing your favourite carols - requests should be submitted in advance please under the church office door or to office@bishopstreetchurch.org.uk. Free entry.

ROTA for Nov/Dec: Please sign up on the **ROTA SHEET** as a welcomer or refreshments volunteer. Thank you

| Rota | Led by | Stewards | Welcomers | Refreshments |
|----------------------|------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 15 th Dec | Fran Rhys | Tony Moore | Volunteer needed | Volunteer needed |
| 22 nd Dec | Gill | Volunteer needed | Volunteer needed | Volunteer needed |
| 29 th Dec | Baker Cafe | Volunteer needed | Volunteer needed | Volunteer needed |

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

MINISTER: Rev. Fran Rhys is generally in the Church Office on Wednesdays, 10.00-3.00pm. Feel free to drop in to see her, and perhaps come along to 1.00pm prayers. Phone/email (see front) to confirm a particular time or to arrange a different day to meet.

Lunchtime Prayers: 1.00pm on Mondays and Wednesday in the prayer corner. Communion is the 1st Wednesday monthly

THE CHAPEL CAFÉ: The Café is open 10.00-4.00 on weekdays and 10.00-3.00 on Saturdays. Call in often, and tell your friends.

OPEN CHURCH in the Barrett Room: Mondays 11.30am-1.00pm. followed by prayers in the Church prayer corner at 1.00.



‘A Listening Ear’: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, available through the Chapel Cafe between 11am and 12.30. A church member trained in listening skills, will be in the café during these times.

Thursday Bible Study and discussion in the Church at 12.00 noon.

‘In Stitches’ Knitting and Needlecraft. Get together to work on your projects and have a chat. **Fridays, 10.30-12.45** in the café.

Churches Together in Leicester City Centre: First Thursday Prayers: 12.30pm

DONATING FOOD TO ZINTHIYA TRUST:

Bishop St used to donate food to the Red Cross for people in need. They are not accepting food donations any longer and the Church Council has decided that our partners Zinthiya Trust would be a suitable alternative charity for food donations. We made a start with our Harvest food donations but would now like to give people an opportunity to give food regularly. They are suggesting the following tinned foods with a generous "best before" date:

Soup -vegetable, tomato, chicken, Vegetables - potatoes, peas, carrots, tomatoes, Baked beans, spaghetti, Fish -tuna, sardine, mackerel, Meat - luncheon meat, stews, Pasta and rice

There will be a box kept in the vestry which stewards can bring out each service and will be passed on to Zinthiya Trust as it fills up. Anything you can contribute will be warmly welcomed.

CHRISTMAS GIFT SERVICE: December 8th is gift Sunday. It is an opportunity to give a few small items that will be passed on to people who otherwise may not get many presents. As in previous years we will be sending some of the items to the homeless men of the Community of Grace (for whom nice biscuits, chocolates, and other 'treat' food is good, as are hats, gloves and socks). We also send items to the Leicester Women's Refuge, who appreciate nice toiletries, winter clothes and bags, and toys and presents for children. Please do not bring items ready-wrapped as they have to be checked by the charity, but please label to indicate if they would suits a boy, girl, woman or man.

Samaritans: Mick Smith is looking for volunteers to work at the Samaritans charity shop in Leicester. The work will involve shop floor work and till work. Please call Mick on 07547 728173.

Christmas Decorations: Many thanks to everyone who helped with the decorating of the Church for Advent and Christmas. Dee.