

## BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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through

**SUNDAY 15th December 2019,**

**10.45am**

**Morning Service**

led by Fran Rhys

**Lectionary Reading for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

**Isaiah 35:1-10**

**Psalms 146: 5-10 or**

**Luke 1:46B-55**

**James 5:7-10**

**Matthew 11: 2-11**

Rota	Stewards	Welcomers	Refreshments
15th Dec	Tony Moore	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed

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	
DECEMBER 2019	
Thur 19 Dec	Lunchtime Organ Concert - Martin Briers 1-1:30pm

**Organ Recital:** Our next Lunchtime Concert will be on 19th 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](mailto:office@bishopstreetchurch.org.uk). Free entry.

**Epiphany Lunch:** On Sunday 5 January, 12.30-2pm there will be a bring and share lunch in the church, after the service. Please bring some food to share, and we'll sing some more carols.

**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.

**SOLAR PANELS PROJECT:** We are raising funds to install solar panels on the church roof. If you know anyone who might be prepared to donate, pick up a leaflet or direct them to

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/robin-stevenson-churchsolarpower](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/robin-stevenson-churchsolarpower) [www.bishopstreetchurch.org.uk](http://www.bishopstreetchurch.org.uk)

[www.fb.com/ArtatTheChapel.BishopStreet](https://www.facebook.com/ArtatTheChapel.BishopStreet)

**Sunday  
Services**


**10.45am**

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

Wednesday  
midweek service  
at 1.00pm each  
week.

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

Rota	Led by	Stewards	Welcomers	Refreshments
22nd Dec	Gill	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed
29th Dec	Baker Cafe	M.Gill	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed

REGULAR ACTIVITIES	
<p>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.</p> <p>Lunchtime Prayers: 1.00pm on Mondays and Wednesday in the prayer corner. Communion is the 1st Wednesday monthly</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>OPEN CHURCH in the Barrett Room: Mondays 11.30am-1.00pm. followed by prayers in the Church prayer corner at 1.00.</p>	
 <p>LISTENING SERVICE</p>	<p>‘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.</p>
<p>Thursday Bible Study and discussion in the Church at 12.00 noon.</p>	
<p>‘In Stitches’ Knitting and Needlecraft. Get together to work on your projects and have a chat. Fridays, 10.30-12.45 in the café.</p>	
<p>Churches Together in Leicester City Centre: First Thursday Prayers: 12.30pm</p>	

**The Listening Service will operate only on Tuesdays 11 - 12.30 over the Christmas / New Year period**

#### **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 Zinithiya Trust would be a suitable alternative charity for food donations. We started 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 Zinithiya Trust as it fills up. Anything you can contribute will be warmly welcomed.

**CHRISTMAS GIFT SERVICE:** December 8th was 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.