

BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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SUNDAY 22nd December 2019,

10.45am

Morning Service

led by Richard Gill

Lectionary Reading for Sunday 22nd December

Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalms 80: 1-7, 17-19

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1: 18-25

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
22 nd Dec	Volunteer needed	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	
23 Dec	7-8pm Sing Christmas carolling in Town Hall Square with BBC Radio Leicester
25 Dec	10am Christmas Day service led by Dr Miriam Stevenson

Listening Service: Listening service timings over Christmas, on the 24 and 31 Dec, the times are 11-12.30. This means the Listening Service will only take place on Tuesday mornings (11-12.30) over the Christmas / New Year period.

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.

Sing Christmas: Monday 23 Dec, 7-8pm. Carol singers are needed for BBC Radio Leicester's "Sing Christmas" in Town Hall Square. We'll sing along to carols on the radio, and hand out mince pies to anyone passing through the square. Singers of all varieties welcome! Dress up warm.

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.

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

The CAFÉ is closed Christmas Day , Boxing Day and New Years Day

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

Rota	Led by	Stewards	Welcomers	Refreshments
29 th Dec	Baker Cafe	M.Gill	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed
5 th Jan	Fran Rhys	M.Byron	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed
12 th Jan	Stevenson	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 1 st 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.	
 LISTENING SERVICE	'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 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 Zinthiya 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.

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

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/robin-stevenson-churchsolarpower>

www.bishopstreetchurch.org.uk

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