

BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

... serving people in Leicester city centre through welcome, worship and mission

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Sunday 3rd May 11am General Church Meeting (via Zoom) Here is the link to the meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5604319478>

Meeting ID: 560 431 9478

You simply need to click on this at about 10.55 on Sunday, and Fran (as host) will let you into the meeting. Please don't pass on this link to anyone who is not a member or adherent of the church. Everyone is welcome to participate but only church members are eligible to vote. You don't need to download Zoom. You simply need to receive the link in an email on your phone or other electronic device and click on it. Children are welcome to attend, but they should not be in pyjamas (!) and should be in a family room where a parent is with them or nearby. The meeting will finish soon after 12 noon.

The papers attached to this email for the meeting are:

Agenda

Minutes of 2019 General Church Meeting

Senior Steward's report

Treasurer's report

Annual report

Church Council membership

Bishop Street Prayer Diary - *God so loved the world* It's more important than ever to pray for one another, for our city and all its international links. This Prayer Diary is an internal document for church members and community roll. The Diary includes members' and adherents' first names (only). Please use it, and let Fran know of anything that needs adding.

Worship Possibilities

Here are a few possibilities of worship resources for this coming Sunday.

<https://bishopstreetmethodistchurchsundaystuff.wordpress.com/>

This site provides material from preachers at Bishop Street Methodist Church who share their reflections and prayers. The service for 3rd May is provided by Rev'd Fran Rhys, and is also available at the end of these notices.

The Family Friendly Churches Trust
<https://familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/> will help parents and carers of school-aged children to worship with them.

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/singing-the-faith-plus/seasons-and-themes/worship-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/> Provides Sunday "Worship at Home" sheets.

Wesley's Chapel London will live-stream from the chapel on Sundays at 11am

www.youtube.com/channel/UCUAUqhmhevz5sqhh72LIMxA

BBC1 10.45am Easter IV service led by Rev'd Kathy Jones from Bangor Cathedral

BBC1 Songs of Praise Sunday 1.15pm on faith and farming with Rev'd Kate Bottley

BBC Radio 4 Sunday 8.10am (92.70 FM).

Radio Leicester worship at 8am (104.9 FM).

An act of Spiritual Communion. If you are missing being able to take part in a service of Holy Communion, this short act of worship encourages us to seek Christ's presence in other ways and to pray that God's purposes may be fulfilled in us, even though we cannot at this time gather at the Lord's Table. See

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Giving

Church rental income has come to an abrupt halt, so your giving to the church is needed more than ever. Members and adherents are encouraged to put aside their offering for when it is possible to bring it into church again. You could also post a cheque to the church's gift aid officer, Tony Moore at 46 Holmfield Road LE2 1SA. Alternatively you could make a BACS transfer to Bishop Street Methodist Church, The Cooperative Bank sort code 08-92-99 and account number 65242955. Give your name as a reference. Thank you very much.

The church is making a collection for Christian Aid week. If we think the UK is struggling in the face of Coronavirus, how much more is this the case for countries which have much fewer taxation resources or developed health service. Many developing countries also continue to repay debts to developed countries. Our donations to Christian Aid are greatly needed at this time. Make a BACS payment to the church, giving 'Christian Aid' as a reference. Then the church can claim Gift Aid on the donation.

If you can't get to a funeral – a worship sheet has been prepared by the Methodist Church for your use at home, at the time of the funeral, or as close as possible in time to it. Click on this link and scroll down:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/singing-the-faith-plus/seasons-and-themes/worship-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

ArtatTheChapel has a new Facebook site: Make-along! Crochet / Knitting / Crafts
If you like to make things, including DIY, why not post a picture of your creation with a comment about it?

Bishop Street Diary Dates

Saturday 13th June 10am – 1.30pm Church Vision Morning. This has been postponed. Watch this space.