



BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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NOTICES December 20th 2020

This Sunday, 20th December at 10.45am is the Carol Service with a difference, led by Rev'd Fran Rhys. Images of Christ's birth and life and his human family and community will be shown, with the permission of the Methodist Modern Art Collection, which was hosted here in Leicester last year. We'll also listen to some much-loved carols. At the end of the service, we'll tie ribbons and home-made baubles on the railings in front of the church, remembering those who have died this year and giving thanks for God's constant love and promises.

On Christmas Day, 25th December at 10am there will be a short **Christmas Communion** service led by Rev'd Fran Rhys, using pre-filled Communion cups. Surely we will be blessed by this.

On Sunday 27th December at 10.45am the service will be led by local preacher, LP Oscar Fortune.

On Sunday 3rd January at 10.45am the service will be led by local preacher, Audrey Baker.

Please let Chris Parker know if you can fulfil any of the roles for this Sunday (by Friday 18th, 4pm) and the subsequent two Sundays, and also Christmas Day. Thank you.

Volunteers for this Sunday

Steward: Tanvi Pate

Signing In:

Pre-cleaning: Chris Parker

Post-cleaning:

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Additional Circuit Staff Change: Rev'd Jenny Impey will leave this Circuit at the end of July 2021. The Methodist Connexion has asked her to take on the Superintendency of Tower Hamlets Circuit. This is an unexpected change, and the Circuit Leadership Team has been delegated to seek a way forward to ensure all churches have ministerial coverage. Rev'd Liam Dacre-Davis' appointment cannot be changed for at least one year.

Circuit Online Worship will take place during Advent on Sundays at 6pm as a series of services led by local preachers in training. The theme will be Mary's song, the Magnificat.

Each Sunday evening from 6pm

Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85215398709?pwd=RTU4dHFKZWlreWJlbkMzNU9seHFXUT09>

Meeting ID: 852 1539 8709

Passcode: 360820 Or join us by telephone: 0203 051 2874

Advent 4: Sunday 20th December

God who remains faithful (Luke 1 vv. 54-55)

Leader: Graham Tennant

Bishop Street Monday - Saturday The Chapel Café will not be allowed to open, and the church will therefore not be open for private prayer

Cards for Good Causes CFGC Cards for Good Causes are NOT able to reopen due to staff shortages. Apologies for this. As long as the cards remain in the church, you can make an honesty purchase and leave money with Chris Parker in the church office.

Doorstep Carolling: Carols on the Doorstep Sun 20th Dec at 5.30pm (Premier Christian Radio and Newcastle Methodist District). See the poster at the end of the notices

BBC Radio Leicester Sing Christmas Tues 22nd Dec 7-8pm concluding with 'O Come All Ye Faithful' on the doorstep. <https://www.singchristmas.org.uk/> on 104.9 FM

Extraordinary Christmas Gifts can be bought through <https://www.allwecan.org.uk/shop/> All We Can (Methodist Relief and Development Agency) facilitates a donation as an attractive and informative card, which you can send to a friend or relative as a gift. Donations are for specific projects, such as water taps or tippy taps, vegetable seeds and tools, sewing training, a goat, a bike, or even materials to build a toilet. All We Can works with local partner organisations which are knowledgeable about the needs of the communities they serve.

Exhibitions through Art at the Chapel. The Leicester Open Exhibition, made up of 130 works many of which were produced with the backdrop of the Corona Virus crisis on the theme of Kindness can be viewed at www.ArtattheChapel.com They are a very inspiring collection of art by local Leicester people and artists. You can view them from the comfort of your home until the end of the year. Don't miss them. Big thanks go to our Arts Enabler and Administrator, Leonie DuBarry-Gurr in putting together this exhibition.

Shine because Black Lives Matter Exhibition including work by school students, Mellow Baku, and other artists has been postponed until the new year.

Methodist Prayer Handbooks Pray every day with Methodists round the world through the Prayer Handbook. Thanks to a generous donation, please contact Fran Rhys (fran.rhys@methodist.org.uk) or Miriam Stevenson if you would like a copy.

CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY GIFT DAY This time last year our annual Chapel Anniversary Gift Day had raised £1,441. This annual event is an important fund raiser and even more so in 2020 bearing in mind the effect of the two lockdowns this year on our income and in particular the substantial reduction in our lettings income. We are grateful to those who have made extra donations this year for our General Fund but our inability to meet together for Sunday worship for our Annual Chapel Anniversary has meant that so far we have received only £250 for our Gift Day.

During lockdown our message has been that offerings have been around 90% of what they are budgeted to be and we have asked whilst the church has been closed that you send a cheque to the church's Gift Aid Officer, Tony Moore at 46 Holmfield Road Leicester LE2 1SA. You can also 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 new 'Donate' button on the Home page and donate with a debit or credit card. If your cheque is for the Chapel Anniversary please write on the back "CA Donation" or use this as the reference if paying by BACS or credit/debit card.