



BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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NOTICES January 31st 2021

The 31st January Sunday morning service, at 10.30 for 10.45am led by Rev'd Fran Rhys will take place online, using the link below. The same material can be found on the church's Sunday Stuff blog (see link further below.) Everyone is warmly welcomed to join.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5604319478?pwd=Q3Y2di9pbjRMK1RuOG9nb0F2aGZKUT09>

Meeting ID: 560 431 9478

Passcode: 343329

Telephone: 0203 901 7895

Sunday evening Circuit Service. It will be the same link every Sunday evening at 6pm: The service on Sunday 31st January will be led by Rev Daniel Yovan

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87603771006?pwd=OTFSQ2JiL3hkWUp1NnU1b1ZiVDJudz09>

Meeting ID: 876 0377 1006

Passcode: 281338

Telephone: 0203 901 7895

<https://bishopstreetmethodistchurchsundaystuff.wordpress.com/> is the address for Sunday worship material and recordings of the service.

Grateful Space Inspired by the Joy Dare (the attachment gives an idea of the material) with opening and closing prayer, a time to share if you wish and the chance to journal or otherwise reflect on Thursday 4th, Wednesday 10th and 17th of February. 7.45-8.30pm. The link is below

Topic: Grateful Space

Time: Thursday 4 Feb, 2021 07:45 PM, led by James Blackhall

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81312819912?pwd=Njk5YVBjUUVueWE1citwanC2TVV5QT09>

Meeting ID: 813 1281 9912

Passcode: 238468

The telephone number to dial in to the service is 0203 051 2874



Inspirational Facebook group for the church:
BishopStreetCommunity

Craft and meditation group are run online Thursday 11am and Friday 10am mornings respectively. Contact the church's liaison worker for these links: JamesBlackhall@gmail.com

'Research discloses to our eyes, a world of wonder and surprise' (Arthur Wright hymn, 'In timelessness, when God deployed')

Faiths Engagement meeting of the NHS in Leicester /shire

There are three ways we can help with the roll-out of the vaccination programme in the city and county:

1) Volunteers are still needed – especially in the city (There are up to 4 hour shifts, some regular and planned but some where volunteers are requested at the last minute.) It takes 3 minutes to complete the volunteer form on line. If anyone wants to volunteer they can register with VAL (Voluntary Action Leicestershire) <https://valonline.org.uk/> There are numerous centres across the city and county. More centres will open over the coming weeks. You can also call the VAL helpline 0116 257 5050.

2) Everyone should take up vaccines, especially ALL men, BAME communities, and those with a disability, or living in disadvantaged communities. People over 80 should NOT TURN UP EARLY but should rather turn up on time – centres don't want people queueing.

3) The vaccine is FREE so no one should respond to registration requests which ask for Bank details/payments etc. You CANNOT pay for the vaccines. If you hear of people having problems, the centres/ NHS want to know and have evidenced responsiveness.

The process for receiving the vaccine is:

- a) Registration
- b) Consent process
- c) Immunisation
- d) Wait 15 minutes (This mitigates against drive-through centres)

If there is reluctance from a faith community, the Faiths Engagement Team need to know and are willing to engage with groups. It is really important that as many people as possible take up the vaccine.

Hospital capacity is very tight and rising, so even when you've received the vaccine, you must continue to be very mindful of the instructions: Hands, Face, Space.

(Summary written by staff members of the Leicester Trinity Methodist Circuit)

Layworkers' Update Approved by Finance and Property Committee on 13 January.

Chris Parker, Centre Administrator and Cleaner will continue to work for all of his hours during the current lockdown. Since support groups are still

meeting, his presence is a requirement, and he will use any spare hours to work on redecorating the Barrett Room and other refurbishment.

Leonie Du-Barry Gurr will be furloughed for 5 out of her 7 hours a week. This will give her 2 hours per week to enable her to keep in touch and work on an online DMU Photography exhibition and help with possible grant applications. Exhibitions scheduled for Jan - March will be mainly rescheduled for post-Easter.

James Blackhall will be furloughed for 4 out of his 12 hours, giving him a total of 8 hours per week for online liaison work and other social media work for the church, including help with the Sunday Stuff blog. James has now given in his resignation from 17 Feb. This is because he has successfully gained a new role with the St Philip's Centre, as Methodist Churches Engagement Officer. His work building bridges here between rental group members and Christian faith will be much missed, but we will still encounter him through his local preaching, and hopefully in the context of his new role as well.

Support groups such as AA, NA and CA will continue to meet as usual at the church, still following strict Covid safety requirements. Further details can be gained from office@bishopstreetchurch.org.uk or from support group websites.

Whatsapp Group - A message from Tanvi

We have decided to start a Bishop Street Methodist Church WhatsApp Group. The purpose of this group is to stay updated with our Church-related activities and remain in touch with the members of BSMC. If you would like to join this group please email your phone number to Tanvi Pate (tanvi.pate36@gmail.com) and she will add you to the group. Best regards,
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Donations 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.