



BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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NOTICES for Trinity Sunday 30th May 2021

Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.'

Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' (John 3:1-3)

This Sunday 30th May 10.45am is a 'face-to-face' Communion service in the building led by Rev. Fran Rhys.

On-line Worship

Unfortunately, ongoing major problems with the broadband connection to Bishop Street mean that we can't provide an on-line, live Zoom link this week (and perhaps for a few weeks).

The Sunday service will be recorded and the basic video will be available on an unlisted Youtube link from late lunchtime on Sunday. If you would like to be sent the link to watch later on Sunday or in the week, please request this from Miriam (mcg9@le.ac.uk). We will also mount the link on the blog.

The service Rev Fran Rhys has prepared for us will be presented on the Sunday Stuff blog for worship at home by Sunday morning. <https://bishopstreetmethodistchurchsundaystuff.wordpress.com/>

You can take part in a live online Sunday service from Methodist Central Hall Westminster. Every Sunday 11.00 at <https://mchw.live>

These are links to current Sunday Morning Zoom worship in the Circuit

Oadby/ Great Glen/ Houghton section

10.30am <https://zoom.us/j/99439153520?pwd=OFdLQ2dWb2ZkWmx3NXJ3cmdHYkpwUT09>

Meeting ID: 994 3915 3520 & Passcode: 075510 Phone in on 0208 080 6592

Birstall/ Rothley section 10.30am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86491699343?pwd=aGJCWmdaUVBoMGg2aVpmanlLc1NLUt09>

Meeting ID: 864 9169 9343

Passcode: 155785

The Sunday evening Circuit service on 30 May at 6pm will be led by Rev. Fran Rhyt, using excellent material from www.climatesunday.org.uk. The link is given here, and the order of worship is attached.

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

Meeting ID: 876 0377 1006

Passcode: 281338

If you wish to join by telephone, dial 0203 901 7895, and be ready to enter the Meeting ID and Passcode.

Bishop Street Methodist Church *Sunday Stuff* blog with worship resources

<https://bishopstreetmethodistchurchsundaystuff.wordpress.com/> for Sunday morning worship material, including hymns in the public domain via Youtube, and a recording of the Sunday service will be posted as soon as possible after the service.

Bible Month - June 2021

The Gospel of Mark is the focus for Bible Month this June, so that all preachers on Sundays will preach on Mark, using the helpful material specially prepared for this purpose. It's an initiative of the Methodist Church and the Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust to focus every June on one particular book of the Bible. It's a useful way for the church community to deepen understanding of scripture and the commitment to sharing ideas and experience of that with others. In addition to reading the Gospel of Mark, you may like to send off for a copy of the '30 days with Mark' booklet for £4.50 (inc postage & packing) through www.preachweb.org/biblemonth or LWPT, Unit 14, Orbital 25 Business Park, Dwight Road, Watford, Herts, WD18 9DA, tel. 01923 231811. There are some pocket-sized Mark's Gospel at church. Please help yourself to one and take one to give to someone else.

Author of the '30 days with Mark' booklet, Keith Brower writes that we need to understand that Jesus' ministry is conducted in an occupied land, subdued and pacified by the Romans, probably just before the Roman destruction of the temple in Jerusalem in AD70. That destruction was in response to a large-scale Jewish rebellion. Trying to get on as best they can with their everyday lives, many Jews longed for the day when God would, once again, dwell in the midst of them. There's a consensus among scholars that the Gospel was written for a community in Rome but was read more widely around the Mediterranean area by followers of Christ, often at risk from different levels of persecution. Mark, its author, is a committed believer who thinks that the accounts of Jesus' life actually happened in Galilee and Judea – this is no pious fiction. So, get reading the Gospel (it's only 20 pages) and get ready to enjoy Bible Month and Mark's Gospel afresh!

Bible Study will resume in the chapel on **Thursdays 12 to 1pm from 3rd June**. All are welcome to come and discuss the end of Matthew's Gospel, followed by the start of

Mark's Gospel in subsequent weeks. There will be plenty of space and air between the participants.

The Chapel Cafe will reopen on Tuesday 1st June between 10am - 4pm. Come and support the cafe, where masks are needed, until you are seated at a table. Table-service will be provided. Groups of up to six can gather at a table - or two households of any size.

Mid-week worship will resume on Wednesday 9th June between 1-1.30pm. The service will be led by Rev. Fran Rhys.

Donations Thank you for all your faithful and generous donations. Giving is just under 90% of what the Treasurer estimated would be received. Do check that your giving to the church is up to date, or consider making a small increase if possible. Please either send a cheque to the church's Gift Aid Officer, Tony Moore at 46 Holmfield Road Leicester LE2 1SA, or 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 'Donate' button on the Home page and donate with a debit or credit card.

Methodist heritage sites reopen



With summer almost here why not start planning your next Methodist heritage trip? After lockdown, many sites are reopening and looking forward to welcoming visitors. In [this blog](#) you can learn a little more about some of the Methodist heritage locations that you can explore.

Hospital Care during the pandemic for patients at the end of their lives



Methodist Presbyterian and hospital chaplain Philip Turner features in a film about the impact on staff of caring for dying patients during the pandemic.

'See it My Way' hears from staff members at the Royal United Hospital Bath NHS Trust. Watch [here](#).