



BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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NOTICES for 28th November 2021

‘The Lord is our righteousness.’ Jeremiah 33:16.

Services for November

28th November Rev Liam Dacre-Davies 1st Sunday in Advent

The Sunday morning 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 (see link below).

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

ADVENT 2021: CLOTH FOR THE CRADLE

ADVENT HYMN, WEEK 1

Chorus

Cloth for the cradle, Cradle for the Child,
The Child for our every joy and sorrow;
Find him a shawl that's woven by us all
To welcome the Lord of each tomorrow.

1. Darkness and light and all that's known by sight,
Silence and echo fading,
Weave into one a welcome for the Son,
Set earth its own maker serenading.

Chorus

Cloth for the cradle, Cradle for the Child,
The Child for our every joy and sorrow;
Find him a shawl that's woven by us all
To welcome the Lord of each tomorrow.

ADVENT PRAYER

We watch and we wait for a glimpse of your glory,
which weaves into our lives, and into this world,
the beautiful mystery of your presence among us.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus. Come.

Sunday Evening Circuit service at 6.00pm via Zoom - Leicester Trinity Methodist Circuit

28th November N/A

<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.

SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Advent 1 28th November Gift Service, Rev. Liam Dacre- Davis,

Advent 2 5th December, Holy Communion, Rev. Liam Dacre- Davis

Advent 3 12th December Nativity service

Thursday 16th December 1pm Christmas Organ Concert

Blue Christmas 17th Friday 6.30pm for those finding Christmas a struggle

Advent 4 19th December Carol Service

Sing Christmas Monday 20th December 7pm to 8pm in Town Hall Square::
<https://www.singchristmas.org.uk/>

Christmas Day, Saturday 25th 10am Richard Gill

Christmas Sunday/ Boxing Day 26th 10.45am informal worship, Miriam Stevenson

Circuit News - After much prayer and consideration, Rev Debra Chidakwa Akue has requested to curtail her appointment in the Leicester Trinity Circuit at the end of February, 2022. Please pray for her, for the Circuit Leadership Team, and for the people of Christchurch, Nativity and Wigston Magna, as we seek a way forward in the coming months. Liam adds:- Whenever a minister leaves the Circuit, a shift in responsibilities for those ministers who remain is possible. Therefore, discussions are taking place among members of the Circuit Leadership Team, but any decisions are yet to be made.

Christmas Card Exchange Our Christmas Card Exchange will start on Sunday 5th December. Please bring your cards for members of the congregation as we have done before the pandemic. As this is an exchange with no postage costs, this year the

stewards are suggesting that we have a collection towards an Extraordinary Gift from ALL WE CAN. £52 would be sufficient to send a goat to a family in Zimbabwe. There will be a collection box for your gift by the posting box.

Carol requests If you have a favourite carol that you would like included in any of the Advent and Christmas services please let one of the stewards know. The Worship Team will try to include your choice.

GIFT SERVICE: SUNDAY 28th NOVEMBER. We will once again be collecting items that can be given to people who will get very few presents this Christmas, and will be passing these on through 'After 18' who work with young asylum seekers in Leicester, and also via the Community of Grace/One Roof Leicester who are working together to provide support for a wide range of homeless people. Please bring unwrapped presents so they can be directed to appropriate people. As a starter list of suggestions to give, Alison at After 18 says, "The things that are most appreciated for our age group, 15-20s male and female is usually stationary, scarves/gloves, footballs, smellies and chocolate, especially vegan. This year we also have a small number of babies and under 7s too." Thanks for anything you can donate.

EXHIBITION: Bible Yarns. The threads that connect us together. From Monday 22nd November to Sunday 12th December we will be hosting a craft exhibition in the Church depicting well-known Bible stories. There are dozens of knitted scenes, including recreations of The Last Supper and Adam and Eve and they are on tour across the country. The Chapel Café will be open for refreshments and lunches from Monday to Saturday, 10.00-4.00, throughout the exhibition. If you know anyone who would be interested in this, please encourage them to call in and have a look.



Fountain Christmas Display



Methodist News this Week

<https://methodist-news.org.uk/BVI-7JNCH-84CBE9659B8B9C065V64QH29073FDBD49A318B/cr.aspx>

Connexional Guidance on Covid and Property is now out. It advises a continued, cautious phased return, taking into consideration matters such as personal vulnerability, and it recommends the wearing of masks, limiting the number of hymns sung "when permitted", facilitating ventilation, and continuing track and trace records. A Risk assessment is still necessary. We're to consider retaining the reasonable safe practices for cafes when providing or distributing food and drink, such as after a service or other events. Coronavirus Guidance for Property (methodist.org.uk).

Chapel café. The café is open Mon- Fri 10-4pm and Sat 10-3pm, come and join us for hot drinks and delicious food.

Cell Group is now meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at 2pm. In the little vestry. It would be good to have some new members. Please call Dee on 0116 241 8742 if you would like more information.

Donations Thank you for all your faithful and generous donations. Giving is at about 80% 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. Envelopes are ready for collection from the church vestry. 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.