



BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. Luke 17:5-6

2nd October - Oscar Fortune – Harvest Festival

ROTA for September: Please sign up on the ROTA SHEET located in the Vestry as a welcomer or refreshments volunteer. Thank you

Rota	Stewards	Welcomers	Refreshments
2 nd Oct	Margaret Byran	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

SUNDAY SERVICES 10.45am OCTOBER	
9 th October	John Aldridge
16 th October	Rev. Ivan Bennett
23 rd October	Rev. Helen Cameron - Chapel Anniversary
30 th October	Rev. Liam Dacre-Davis - Holy Communion

Harvest Festival Our Harvest Festival service is on Sunday 2nd October and will be conducted by Oscar Fortune, one of the local preachers in the Leicester Trinity Circuit and a supporter of the midweek activities based here.

Gifts Please bring gifts of non-perishable foods which we will pass on to Zinithya Trust for their food bank.

Decorating Anne Doblender is coordinating decorating the church for this service. She would welcome help from anyone willing to arrange flowers on the window sills and decorate the pulpit area. Please contact her if you can help. She will be at church on Sunday 25th September. Please talk to her after the service or contact her by email. Her email is : annedoblender@gmail.com

SUNDAY EVENING CIRCUIT SERVICES. Bishop Street is part of the Leicester Trinity Methodist Circuit, a group of churches across the north, east and south sides of

Leicester and Leicestershire. There are Sunday Evening circuit services each week to which all are welcome. They are held at 6.00pm via Zoom.

Zoom link for all these services is:-

<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.

Preparing for Christmas: There is Room. The Methodist Connexional theme for 2022 Christmas outreach and celebration is **There is**

Room: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/there-is-room-advent-and-christmas-2022-resources/>

An online event held on the evening of September 22nd and then repeated on the morning of 23rd explores how this theme can be used by local churches. Places are free. Sign up: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-to-make-room-this-christmas-tickets-385647029647?fbclid=IwAR1oQHSEPaET8fPzHJckm-SIPhM3PHIOmUXI8d8VO_DFZUvW9aJApKA

More news on Circuit Services: Midweek Holy Communion on Thursday mornings at 11am for 30 minutes. In rotation: first Thursday at Uppingham Road, second Thursday at Mayflower (Devotion Room) and third Thursday at Wesley Hall. No service on the fourth or fifth Thursday.

Benevolence Fund. Most Methodist churches have a Benevolence Fund. This is money which is used to help anyone linked to the church who is in urgent financial need. An application for support goes to the Minister and is considered by a small group to see if it is thought a suitable request. Over the years this money has supported asylum seekers in their claims for asylum and supported others with unexpected expenses. Regular gifts are welcome at any time. However, it has been our practice to take up an extra offering at the end of the Communion service as well as an earlier regular collection for church funds. Any small gift will be welcome at the monthly Communion services.

Monthly Bible Study by Zoom: last Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. For zoom link and study notes in advance, contact Julie Manning: manningsthe@hotmail.com 0116 276 7916.

Monthly inter-religious meeting of Faith and Friendship Forum at 7 pm starting with refreshments. For details of the October meeting Contact James Blackhall jamesblackhall@gmail.com 0795 760 8617

Witnessing to Memory: A New Course at the Council of Christians and Jews(CCJ) Once a week for seven weeks, on Zoom. Full details and an application form can be found on our website here: <https://ccj.org.uk/our-work/holocaust-education/witnessing> .

Bible Study. The Bible Study group meets every Thursday lunch time, 12 noon to 1.00pm, in the church. All are welcome to join the group who are currently studying the Gospel of Mark. For more information speak to Richard Gill.

Cell Group will be meeting on the third Wednesday in the month as usual, at 2pm in the vestry. The group would welcome some new members so please contact Dee on 241 8742. Next month the group is starting new book about reading and understanding Paul's writing and theology (in lay people's language!)

Chapel café. The café is open from 10:00-16:00 Monday to Friday and 10:00-15:00 Saturdays.

Methodist City Centre Network Gathering 12th - 13th October 2022, Bristol.

With changes to the Circuit in the coming year, Bishop Street is beginning to explore missional opportunities as a City Centre Church. Attending this event provides an opportunity to meet and learn from others involved in city centre ministry. The theme of the gathering is 'Rediscovering and repurposing for radical inclusion' and will involve visits to different parts of Bristol City Centre. There are costs involved. The organisers of the meeting are asking for a £30 donation to cover hiring costs and a meal on the first evening. Anyone who attends will also need to cover the cost of their accommodation. If you are interested in attending, but cannot cover the costs, there may be ways of offering support. If you are interested in attending, please speak to Liam for further information or visit the Eventbrite page by typing the following into your internet browser: bit.ly/MCCNBristol

Weekly Offerings **Weekly Offerings** **Weekly Offerings** At the end of financial year on 31st August the total Weekly Offerings for 2021-22 were £2,306 down on budget. Even if we maintain these at the 2021-22 level our projected total budget deficit for the current year will be £8,750. Please check that your giving to the church is up to date and consider making a small increase if possible. We have now restarted taking a collection as part of our Sunday Morning Service. Alternatively you can either send a cheque to the church's Gift Aid Officer, Tony Moore at 46 Holmfield Road Leicester LE2 1SA, make a BACS payment (bank account details available from Martin Briers, finance@bishopstreetchurch.org.uk) or 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.