



## BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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'Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.' Then he shouted, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Luke 18:37-38

16<sup>th</sup> October - Rev. Ivan Bennett

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

| Rota                 | Stewards              | Welcomers             | Refreshments          |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Mary Gill             | VOLUNTEER<br>REQUIRED | VOLUNTEER<br>REQUIRED |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct | Mary Gill             | Peter Chitsenga       | William<br>Loughlin   |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct | VOLUNTEER<br>REQUIRED | VOLUNTEER<br>REQUIRED | VOLUNTEER<br>REQUIRED |

| SUNDAY SERVICES 10.45am OCTOBER |   |
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| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October        | LA with a Wesleyan Theme - Chapel Anniversary |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> October        | Rev. Liam Dacre-Davis - Holy Communion        |

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> and then repeated on the morning of 23<sup>rd</sup> 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-SIPhhM3PHIOmUXI8d8VO\\_\\_DFZUvW9aJApKA](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-to-make-room-this-christmas-tickets-385647029647?fbclid=IwAR1oQHSEPaET8fPzHJckm-SIPhhM3PHIOmUXI8d8VO__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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:jamesblackhall@gmail.com) 0795 760 8617

**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. The group is studying a new book about reading and understanding Paul's writing and theology (in lay people's language!)

**CIRCUIT FAMILY WORSHIP** - Salt & light. Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov at Syston Methodist Church (High Street, Syston. LE71GP) from 2 - 4 pm. Join with other families from around the Circuit for Songs, Prayers, Story, Craft, Food & Fun. For catering purposes please let a Steward know how many of you will be coming along.  
ALL WELCOME! For more information, please contact Deacon Sharon 0116 277 0317

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

**The Methodist Church's Children, Youth and Family** team have developed a training pathway, in collaboration with Youthscape, called Youth Ministry Essentials. This program is designed to give confidence and skills to volunteers working with young people in churches and community projects. The course explores insights into the lives of young people, relevant skills and character development. It is suitable for anyone involved in or interested in developing ministry with young people (aged 11-18). You can find out more about the course here: <https://www.youthscape.co.uk/yse>

The material is facilitator led and we are looking to train the trainers (facilitators) to deliver this course across the connexion in circuits and Districts.

We are asking the following; is there anyone in your teams who might want to train as trainers, and then register?

If so, training is being offered on two occasions (you only need to attend one)

- Monday 17th October 7.30-9.30pm
- Wednesday 19th October 9.30-11.30am.

Below is the link to register - you will then be sent a zoom link nearer the time.

<https://eventsfeedback2020.typeform.com/youthministry>

If you have any questions about the course, you might wish to contact Meg Prowting from the CYF Team at email address: [prowtingm@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:prowtingm@methodistchurch.org.uk) or [childrenandyouth@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:childrenandyouth@methodistchurch.org.uk)

**Leicester West Circuit** are offering Face to Face and online Foundation 2020 Safeguarding training courses in October and November. As you know, these are suitable both for those who need to refresh their Safeguarding training (required every 4 years) and also for those people who haven't undertaken any Safeguarding training as yet. Details of the sessions are as follows;

**Face to Face Foundation 2020 Safeguarding course** on Wednesday 26th October 2022 from 1.30 to 4.30pm at Markfield Methodist Church, Main Street, Markfield.

**Online Foundation 2020 Safeguarding course** on Wednesday evenings 9th and 16th November 2022 from 7pm to 8.45 pm on Zoom. **Please note** - **both** online sessions must be attended to complete the module.

Safeguarding Officers, please contact those in your church who you know need to complete the FM for the first time or update it and please also advertise them in your church notices. Please let me know if you know of anyone who would like to register on one of these courses. *Laurie*

**Joshua (and Me)** I recommend going to see this show at Curve on the 4th and 5th November. I admit that I've not yet seen it, and that my interest is partly because it is written and performed by the daughter of Revd Mark Hammond, one of my former circuit colleagues. However, it had rave reviews in London and then at the Edinburgh Festival and I'm delighted that it is coming to Leicester.

I know from personal experience the way in which having a disabled child in the family, transforms and enriches who we are, so I'm really keen to see Rachel's exploration of this topic.

The official description is as follows...

"Joshua (and Me) is a one-woman show about being a sibling to someone who is autistic; giving a voice to young people with responsibilities of care.

"Based on Rachel Hammond's own life, alongside stories from other siblings of individuals with additional needs, Joshua (and Me) provides permission and space for siblings to honestly and openly explore their experiences, too."

I hope to see you there. Revd Derek McLean

**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.

**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](mailto:finance@bishopstreetchurch.org.uk) ) or alternatively you can go to the Church's website [www.bishopstreetchurch.org.uk](http://www.bishopstreetchurch.org.uk) and look for the 'Donate' button on the Home page and donate with a debit or credit card.