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# Church Notices for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 Coronation Weekend: 10.45am Morning Service led by Richard Cawthorn

Rota	Stewards	Welcomers	Refreshments
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Volunteer Req'd	Volunteer Req'd	Volunteer Req'd
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Volunteer Req'd	Volunteer Req'd	Volunteer Req'd
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Volunteer Req'd	Volunteer Req'd	Volunteer Req'd

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

10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for MAY 2023		
14th May	Rev'd Liam Dacre-Davis, Holy Communion. ANNUAL GIFT DAY (see below)	
21st May	Christian Aid Sunday: Local Arrangement led by Richards Gill and Alison Skinner. The work of Christian Aid will be celebrated and envelopes for gifts to this charity will be available.	
28th May	Andrew Biggins (Pentecost Sunday)	

## SUNDAY 14TH MAY: ANNUAL GIFT DAY APPEAL.

This is the last service that Liam Dacre-Davies is leading worship and celebrating Holy Communion before he takes a 3 month sabbatical i.e. time away from his normal work in the Circuit.

The Finance and Property team suggest that a Gift Day appeal is launched on this Sunday. We usually have a Gift Appeal each year to boost congregational giving. A target of £3,200 was set in the budget for 2022-23. This is a challenging target given the current rise in prices which is affecting all of us. But if everyone can give an extra gift in the envelopes provided today and next week, then it demonstrates our commitment to keeping the church open and available for all for another year.

#### **CHURCH MEETINGS**

Next meeting for Forward **Planning and Worship Consultation** will be held on Zoom on Monday 15th May at 7.00pm. A link will be posted and available from Liam. Anyone who is interested in helping to plan ahead for worship and meetings will be welcome to join.

The **Finance and Property team** will meet on Wednesday 17th May at 11.30am in the office. A zoom link will be available.

The minutes of the **Annual Church Meeting** held on Sunday 30th April will be available soon.

MINISTERIAL SABBATICAL (A period set aside every seven years, for a minister to have a 3 month break from their normal duties): Liam's sabbatical will fall due during June, July and August. He will be using his sabbatical to rest and reconnect with his family. This is the reason he has chosen to take his sabbatical over the summer (to coincide with the school holidays). The sabbatical will also provide Liam with greater time to read and write as he explores the role of doubt as a positive aspect of faith. His research will hopefully lead to the creation of devotional/worship resources." **ESSENTIAL TRAINING FOR STEWARDS AND LOCAL PREACHERS:** There are upcoming opportunities to join the new training event entitled, 'God For All'. This is the new 'Justice, Dignity and Solidarity' Training. There are three further opportunities for face to face training in the circuit: Saturday June 17th; 10am - 3pm at Blaby or Saturday July 1st; 10am - 3pm at Oadby, or Option Three, spread over three Weds evenings June 21st, 28th and July 5th (you must attend them all) at 7:30pm at Birstall. Please let the Circuit Office know which you would like to attend. There is also an option to do the training online. Details from Miriam Stevenson.

# **BISHOP STREET ON THE INTERNET**

The morning services are videoed each week, and posted on Youtube. They are 'unlisted' videos, so will not appear on searches or on the channel, but the link each week and worship material relating to the Sunday worship can all be found at:

https://bishopstreetmethodistchurchsundaystuff.wordpress.com/blog-2/ **The Bishop Street Facebook Group** is also a place to share and hear news and keep in touch. You can join the group at: https://www.facebook.com/groups/bishopstreet/

**BISHOP STREET 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!)

**CHAPEL CAFÉ.** The café is run by the Zynthiya Trust and is open 10:00-16:00 Monday to Friday and 10:00-15:00 Saturdays.

**The Listening Service** is available in the Chapel Café every Tuesday from 11-12.30 for anyone who would like someone to talk to.

## LEICESTER TRINITY METHODIST CIRCUIT

Bishop Street is part of the Leicester Trinity Methodist Circuit. 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

To receive these notices by email each week, (or to unsubscribe) please send a request by email to Chris at the Church office: <u>office@bishopstreetchurch.org.uk</u>



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Send the film to the Leicester Council of Faiths. Help us promote the amazing contribution faith volunteers make to local communities.

For more information contact Emma Buckler on 07512 893613 or email info@leicestercounciloffaiths.org.uk

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