



BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

...serving people in Leicester City Centre
through welcome, worship and mission.

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Church Notices for Sunday 11th June 2023

10.45am Sunday Service

Bible Month: week 2 - The Triumph of the Lamb

led by Oscar Fortune

Rota	Stewards	Welcomers	Refreshments
11 th June	Peter Chitsenga	Volunteer Req'd	Dee
18 th June	Margaret B	Dee	Volunteer Req'd
25 th June	Volunteer Req'd	Volunteer Req'd	Volunteer Req'd

ROTA for June: 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	
11 th June	Oscar Fortune. Bible Month – week 2: The Triumph of the Lamb (Revelation 4-5)
18 th June	Local Arrangement led by Richard Gill. Bible Month – week 3: Witness, Worship and Waiting (Rev. 10-13)
25 th June	Richard Cawthorn (Bible Month – week 4: Heading Home (Revelation 17-22)

ANNUAL GIFT DAY APPEAL. Many thanks to all those who have donated towards our Gift Day for Church funds. Envelopes are still available if you are still looking for an opportunity to add to the total.

CIRCUIT FAMILY WORSHIP: On Saturday 10th June 2023 there will be a gathering for children from around the circuit, 3.00-5.00pm at Uppingham Road Methodist Church, LE5 0QG. All are welcome. More details from Miriam.

RAJAN PATE: It is with great sadness that we record that our good friend Rajan Pate died suddenly, from a massive heart attack, a week ago. We send heartfelt condolences to his wife Kalpana and daughter Tanvi. Rajan had been struggling with ill health for many weeks, but was still able to attend Church a fortnight ago. The shock of his death will be very great for his family and all who knew him. We entrust Rajan to God's eternal care and assure Kalpana and Tanvi of the love and support of God and his people. We will endeavour to share news of the funeral arrangements as details are clarified.

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 has now begun, running until the end of 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 is EDI training material that is now mandatory for these posts. Named the 'God For All' training event (the new 'Justice, Dignity and Solidarity' Training), the Face to face training in the circuit may be currently fully booked. More sessions will be arranged soon, or there is an option to do the training online in your own time. You can register and enrol to do the online version at <https://mcb.theologyx.com/> and let the circuit office know you are doing it online.

EXHIBITION OPENS: On Thursday 25th the Exhibition of Alan Caine's paintings was opened. Richard Gill gave a short talk on Alan and his approach to painting. The exhibition, entitled 'Patterns Engraved into the Earth' will be open until Saturday June 24th

JUNE IS BIBLE MONTH In the last few years Bishop Street has been part of the Methodist Church's Bible Month initiative; a chance to engage more deeply with a specific book of the Bible.

(<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/the-bible/bible-month/>)

Bible Month has tackled both shorter books such as Ruth, Jonah and the Letter to the Colossians and longer books such as Isaiah and the Gospel of St Mark. This year the focus is on the Book of Revelation, the final book in the Bible. Revelation is a visionary book full of complex imagery and dramatic events (as well as more familiar types of Biblical writing such as letters and hymns). The other name for Revelation is the Apocalypse, which means the uncovering or disclosure of something hidden and through the centuries people have tried to understand what the book means in relation to their own spiritual lives, the life of the Church and political, social and economic life and future of the world.

If you want to get a feel for the whole of the book, members of the Methodist Circuit in Strathclyde have made a video reading the Book of Revelation: https://youtu.be/jcmwm_uFpb0

Many hymns and liturgies draw heavily on the rich imagery of the Book of Revelation. Singing the Faith offers a resource to explore further:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/singing-the-faith-plus/posts/bible-month-2023-revelation-a-template-for-praise/>



Also, Miriam's recent *Talk in the Chapel* on 'Images of Revelation.' is available to view as an illustrated lecture, at

https://youtu.be/ycDBZxK_zo0

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/>

At the recent Church Council we discussed the idea of an Instagram Account for the Church. If anyone has experience of this and would like to be part of a group that takes the idea forward, please tell one of the stewards.

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.

Christian Aid. We have collected £120 in church from our appeal during Christian Aid Week This is £20 more than last year so we are very grateful to members who have responded so generously. this year when we have also been asking for more financial support for the church

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=OTFSQ2JlL3hkWUp1NnU1b1ZiVDJudz09>

Meeting ID: 876 0377 1006 Passcode: 281338

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