



# BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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## Church Notices for Sunday 25th June 2023

### 10.45am Sunday Service

### Bible Month – Richard Cawthorn

### Week 4: Heading Home (Revelation 17-22)

Rota	Stewards	Welcomers	Refreshments
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Tanvi Pate	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 JULY 2023	
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Graham Tenant
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Rev. Daniel Young HC
16 <sup>th</sup> July	LA- Eco Church Discussion
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Jo Kay
30 <sup>th</sup> July	James Blackhall

**RAJAN PATE:** We wish to express our deep gratitude to one and all for their messages of condolence and for holding us in your prayers at this most painful time. Your support and kindness have been of great comfort to us and are very much appreciated. May the Lord's face shine upon you always. With our love, Kalpana and Tanvi.

**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 enroll to do the online version at <https://mcb.theologyx.com/> and let the circuit office know you are doing it online.

**Saturday 9th September 2023:** This will be the Ride and Stride Day organised by the Leicester Historic Churches Trust when people raise money for the Trust by being sponsored to visit as many churches and chapels in the city and county as they are able. Another way of being sponsored is to sit in the church and register the number of visitors that come. This is an easier way to be sponsored. Here at Bishop Street we usually get 40 plus visitors so a reasonable sum could be raised this way. Is anyone interested in doing this? The church will be open from 10.00am to 4.00pm. You could split the time with another person.

The Heritage Room will be open so that visitors can learn about the history of the church and early Methodism in Leicester.

**EXHIBITION OPENS:** On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 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 24<sup>th</sup>

**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](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](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.

**ANNUAL GIFT DAY APPEAL.** Many thanks to all those who have donated towards our Gift Day for Church funds. Total amount received to date is £2,450. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far.

**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=OTFSQ2JlL3hkWUp1NnU1b1ZiVDJudz09>

Meeting ID: 876 0377 1006 Passcode: 281338

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