



BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Church Notices for Sunday 30th July 2023

10.45am Sunday Service

led by James Blackhall

Rota	Stewards	Welcomers	Refreshments
30 th July	Volunteer Req'd	Volunteer Req'd	Volunteer Req'd
6 th Aug	Volunteer Req'd	Volunteer Req'd	Volunteer Req'd
13 th Aug	Volunteer Req'd	Volunteer Req'd	Volunteer Req'd

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

10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for AUGUST 2023	
6 th August	Revd Paula Hunt (Holy Communion)
13 th August	Miriam Stevenson
20 th August	Local Arrangement
27 th August	Howard Smith

BENEVOLENCE

FUND

As part of next week's Communion Service today, we will take an additional cash collection. This will be put into the Church Benevolence fund which enables the Church to respond to people in extreme financial need. Thank you for anything you are able to contribute.

BECOMING AN ECO CHURCH

This is a way of demonstrating that we are a church caring for God's earth. An organisation, A ROCHA, launched ECO church in 2016. They are a Christian charity committed to equip Christians and churches to bring care for the natural world into their community.

It is free to register our church. A detailed survey is being completed looking at 5 areas of church life.

On Sunday July 16th 2023 the service included a time to discuss and share aspects of our own ways of conserving resources and to think about how as a church we can help reduce and conserve the resources we need here.

The three questions we were asked to consider in the service were:

1. What changes have you already made in your home and ways of living?
2. What further changes CAN you make?
3. How can the church be active in conserving resources and promoting the ways in which this is being done?

If you would like to add to our survey by sending a response to Mary Gill, we will be collating the various answers in the next few days and weeks.

Once we have completed and submitted the survey we will discover whether we can achieve a Bronze award which we can display to indicate that we are an ECO church.

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 be running until the end of August, and in addition to using his sabbatical to rest and reconnect with his family, it will 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.

RIDE AND STRIDE: We will be taking part in the annual Ride and Stride Day on **Saturday 9th September 2023**, and are looking for a rota of volunteers to be at the Church between 10.00am and 4.00pm to record sponsored participants who arrive at the Church. The event is run by the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust, and enables them to give grants to historic Churches that are carrying out repairs and improvements. Or, if you would be interested in taking part as a sponsored bike-rider or strider, to visit a selection of Leicestershire Churches, please speak to Robin. Half the money raised would go to Bishop Street funds, and the other half to the Trust.

On the same day, we will be opening the Heritage Room and having people on hand to talk about the history and architecture of the Church, as part of the 'Heritage Open Days'.

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.

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.

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

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