



BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Church Notices for **Sunday 27th July 2023**

10.45am Sunday Service

led by Howard Smith

ROTA for July: 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 & SEPTEMBER 2023	
27 th August	Howard Smith
3 rd September	Revd Liam Dacre-Davis, Holy Communion
September 10th	Local Arrangement Education Sunday
September 17th	Rev Liam Dacre-Davies
September 24th	Jean Thornton

MINISTERIAL SABBATICAL: 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. We look forward to welcoming him back to lead our Communion Service on 3rd September.

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'.

BISHOP STREET DIARY DATES:

Sunday 17th September Student Lunch, Rev'd Liam Dacre-Davis

Saturday 30th September – Fish and Chip Harvest Supper

Sunday 1st October Harvest Festival: Rev'd Liam Dacre-Davis

Sunday 29th October Chapel Anniversary: Rev'd Dr Helen Cameron

Sunday 12th November Remembrance Sunday, Richard Gill

Wednesday 22nd November: Christmas Lights Switch On including activities in Town Hall Square - 5pm-8pm.

For the Sundays in Advent 2023 we will be using the theme '*Out of the Ordinary*'

WEDDING SHOWS. Deacon Sharon Dilley, one of the staff team of Trinity Methodist Circuit, writes to say "The circuit are having a stall at two local Wedding Shows in the Autumn (1st September & 10th October). We will be there to promote our Churches for venues for Weddings, and also to advertise that our Churches can be used by couples who have married abroad and just need the legal ceremony and paperwork completed in this country.

"We want an attractive display to hopefully attract people to speak to us

and so we are looking for any photos of Churches set up for a Wedding - the brighter, more colourful the better. Obviously, we would need the couples permission to use any images but if you have any photos and can get the permission I would be very grateful if you could send them to me, electronically if possible to sharondilley@hotmail.co.uk or hard copies to 53 Saville Road, Blaby. LE8 4HE. I will make sure are returned to you."

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.

BISHOP STREET ON THE INTERNET: The morning services are videoed each week, and posted on **Youtube**. The link each week along with 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.

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