



BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Church Notices for **Sunday 3rd September 2023**

10.45am Sunday Communion Service

led by Revd Liam Dacre-Davis

10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for SEPTEMBER 2023	
3 rd September	Revd Liam Dacre-Davis, Holy Communion
10 th September	Local Arrangement
17 th September	Revd Liam Dacre-Davis
24 th September	Jean Thornton

ROTA for September: Please sign up on the ROTA SHEET as a welcomer or refreshments volunteer. Thank you

MINISTERIAL SABBATICAL: Liam returns to ministerial duties at the start of September, following his three-month Sabbatical. We are delighted to be welcoming him back to lead this week's Communion Service.

Methodist Prayer Handbooks for 2023-24 Hidden Treasures

With the start of the new Methodist year, there is the New Prayer handbooks. These provide daily bible readings and a cycle of prayers for use during home devotions. Please collect a copy and sign the sheet. Pastoral visitors, please take a copy for anyone on your list who is not able to collect their own. They are free to all members of the congregation. (A donation towards their cost is always welcome.)

SPONSORED BIKE RIDE: Robin Stevenson will be taking up the Ride+Stride challenge on Sat 9th Sept, by attempting to visit 25 participating Churches around Leicestershire, over a 40+ mile bike ride and is therefore looking for sponsors! Half the funds raised will go to Bishop Street and half to the LeicesterShire Historic Churches Trust which gives grants to churches and chapels for repairs and improvements. “My route will start and end at Bishop Street, aiming to go via Thornton and Bardon Hill in the west, Quorn and Mountsorrel in the north, and maybe Cossington to the east. Any sponsorship donation you would like to give would be much appreciated. Thankyou.”

The sponsor sheet will be available after the morning service, or you can do the whole thing online by visiting <https://www.justgiving.com/page/robin-ride-stride-2023>

RIDE AND STRIDE at Bishop Street: As one of the participating Churches, we will also have the Church open on **Saturday 9th September** 2023, and are building up a rota of volunteers to be at the Church between 10.00am and 4.00pm to record sponsored participants who arrive at the Church.

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’*

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.

DEMENTIA AND SUPPORT THROUGH FELLOWSHIP:

Currently in the UK, 1 in 11 people aged 65 and over are living with dementia (NHS figures.) An estimated 700,000 relatives and friends have become unpaid caregivers, needing practical, emotional, and spiritual support. All over the UK, churches are helping those in their local community as well as in the fellowship. As well as 'dementia cafes', many have become truly 'dementia inclusive' in their meetings and services.

Louise Morse works with the Pilgrims' Friend Society, a 216 year-old Christian charity supporting older people, and is a speaker and trainer at faith groups, churches, and national events. Recently she spoke at the 2023 Keswick Convention on 'The Power of Spiritual Support for People With Dementia and their Caregivers'.

Hear Louise talk about dementia & support through fellowship on **Saturday 23rd September** 2023, 10:30 – 3pm at Birstall Methodist Church, Wanlip Lane, Birstall, Leicester. LE4 4JS.

Meeting will also be on Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/99268690000?pwd=SFNFbjZKL2ZmSWJqTDhwdzcrLzQ0Zz09>

Meeting ID 992 6869 0000 Passcode 791132

(refreshments provided, please bring own packed lunch)

Free admission, prior booking requested. chashilton@me.com Tel: 07828394276

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.

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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