



BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Church Notices for **Sunday 24th September 2023**

10.45am Sunday Service

led by Jean Thornton

10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for SEPTEMBER 2023	
24 th September	Jean Thornton
1 st October	Rev'd Liam Dacre-Davis: Harvest Festival with Holy Communion
8 th October	Local Arrangement

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

Flowers: The flowers this Sunday have been given in loving memory and celebration of JOY MORGAN by her devoted daughters Elspeth Lenders and Amy Reynolds.

Methodist Prayer Handbooks for 2023-24: Hidden Treasures

With the start of the new Methodist year, there is the New Prayer Handbook available. This provides 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: I am pleased to say I did complete a very hot sponsored bike ride. In the end I got to 28 churches, including a selection of city centre churches, and on to Glenfield, Anstey, Groby, Ratby, out to Thornton in the west, crossing Charnwood to Woodhouse Eaves, Quorn, Barrow and Mountsorrel in the north, and to Cossington,

Queniborough and Barkby in the east. Thank you for all the kind sponsors. I am pleased to say the total raised now stands at £337. 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. Thanks, Robin Stevenson. (nb The sponsor sheet will still be available after the morning service, and the online donation site is still active at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/robin-ride-stride-2023>)

RIDE AND STRIDE, HODS and Organ Music at Bishop Street: On the same very hot day last Saturday the Church was open for both sponsored participants on the ride and stride, and for the Heritage Open Day. Many thanks to those who looked after signing in the 43 sponsored riders and striders who made it to Bishop Street, and to those who spent the day showing people around the Church and Heritage Room. There was much appreciation from both sets of visitors for the live organ music from both of our organists. Thank you to all who helped make it all happen.

BISHOP STREET DIARY DATES:

Saturday 30th September: Fish and Chip Harvest Supper (See below)

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

Non-perishable food items will be welcome, and we will be passing them on via Zinthiya Trust Community Shop.

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*'

FISH & CHIP HARVEST SUPPER: On Saturday 30th September at 6.00pm we will be holding a Fish and Chip Supper in the Church Café area, as part of our harvest weekend. The plan is to make it an affordable fixed-price meal with a selection of fish and vegetarian items from a local chip-shop, to share together. Details are still being worked out, so if you have suggestions for particular items, or wish to help make it happen,

please speak to Mary Gill or Robin Stevenson.

Cost will be £6.00/adult, £2.50/child. Please sign up on the list, or email robinandmiriam@gmail.com, so we know how many to cater for.

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.

DEMENTIA AND SUPPORT THROUGH FELLOWSHIP: Currently in the UK, 1 in 11 people aged 65 and over are living with dementia (NHS figures.) Churches are helping those in their local community as well as in the fellowship, both those with dementia and their carers. 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. Drinks provided, please bring own packed lunch. Free admission, prior booking requested. chashilton@me.com Tel: 07828394276

Meeting will also be on Zoom

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

Meeting ID 992 6869 0000 Passcode 791132

A Taste of Faith: A great introduction to a world faith tradition from a faith practitioner, with religious artefacts and food associated with religious festivals or places.

Hinduism – 4th October

Judaism – 22nd November

At: CHRISTCHURCH, 105A CLARENDON PARK ROAD, LEICESTER, LE2 3AH,
0116 2705369

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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