

BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Notices for Sunday 11th February 2024 The Sunday before Lent

10.45am Sunday morning service

Local Arrangement for Racial Justice Sunday, led by the Bishop Street Worship Team

10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for February/March 2024	
18 th February	Revd Liam Dacre-Davis (Holy Communion)
	First Sunday in Lent
25 th February	Richard Gill
3 rd March	Revd Liam Dacre-Davis
10 th March	Local Arrangement
17 th March	Jean Thornton
24 th March	John Aldridge
31 st March	Easter Day. Revd Liam Dacre-Davis (Holy Communion)

ROTA: Please sign up on the ROTA SHEET as a welcomer or refreshments volunteer. Thank you. Can you help 'spread the load'? Please ask at the counter about what is involved.

FEBRUARY 14TH is Ash Wednesday, marking the start of Lent 2024. See inside for some ways you can engage with some Lent reflections and discussions as we journey towards Easter.

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

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 share and hear news and keep in touch. https://www.facebook.com/groups/bishopstreet/. Instagram Account for the Church. @bishopstreetchurch.

BISHOP STREET WEEKLY 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 Luke. For more information speak to Richard Gill.

MONTHLY CELL GROUP: Our new book is "Meeting God in Mark" written by Rowan Williams, the former Archbishop of Canterbury. He is very well regarded as a scholar and this book is described by an eminent Mark scholar from Cambridge as being "very readable" so we are really looking forward to the next few months, particularly as Mark is the controlling Gospel for the current Liturgical Year. In general the group meets on the SECOND Wednesday in the month and at 12.30. This means that we shall be finished by 2 pm and so go home in the light over these winter months. We start with coffee or tea and biscuits, usually home made! We look forward to welcoming some new members to our group. If anyone wants more information please contact Dee on 0116 241 8742 or <u>deebrunning@yahoo.co.uk</u>

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, serving good quality affordable fair trade hot drinks, breakfast baps, soup, jacket potatoes, sandwiches, light snacks and delicious cakes.

To receive these notices by email each week, (or to unsubscribe) please send a request by email to Chris at the Church office: office@bishopstreetchurch.org.uk



UNBOUNDED LOVE: Daily emails during Lent 2024:

'Unbounded Love' is the theme set by the Methodist Church as we observe Lent in 2024. You can sign up for daily emails starting THIS WEEK on Ash Wednesday, for the 40 days in Lent, by accessing the webpage at

www.methodist.org.uk/unboundedlove/ or via the QR code.

If you are interested in being part of an online 'conversation' group to look at the week's themes, please let Liam know, to see if a discussion group can be arranged.

TRINITY CIRCUIT Sunday Evening Lent Course for 2024

In 2018, the team behind the Methodist hymn book "Singing the Faith" asked people to choose their favourite Charles Wesley hymn. "And Can it Be" won hands down with nearly a third of all votes. Perhaps you will have sung this hymn hundreds of times in your life, probably to the stirring and emotionally evocative tune 'Sagina' to which it is classically set. In this year's online Lent Course, we'll be exploring the hymn through themes which seem to inhabit the various verses: *Inclusion, Mystery, Incarnation, Liberation, Salvation*. You are welcome to join us online at 6.00pm using the normal Circuit Sunday evening link (see top of p2) from Feb 18th.

If you are new to Bishop Street Church and would like to keep in touch, we would be pleased receive your details via a Church contact form, available from the welcomers. These are passed to the minister who will ensure security and confidentiality.

DISCIPLESHIP/ TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES – There is still time to sign up for the following:

2nd March 11-12. (Oadby) Understanding the Lectionary. 29th April & 13th May 7-9 (Blaby MC) Safeguarding - Foundation Training.

Please book with Laurie at the Circuit office via leicestertrinity@outlook.com

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER this year is on Friday 1st March 2024.

The service has been produced by the Christian women of Palestine and the theme is ' I beg you, bear with one another in love'. The service was devised and approved by 2022, before the current conflict. The women of Palestine wish it to be used as it stands.

There is no service in the city centre but there are services at the following churches.

- Wigston Magna Methodist Church at 10.30am.
- St James the Greater Church of England, London Road at 2.00pm.
- Christchurch, Clarendon Park Road, at 7.30pm.
- St Andrew's Methodist Church, Glenfield Road East, at 2.00pm.

All are welcome to attend and to share this act of worship with congregations around the world. The website will give details of other services in the wider Leicester area. <u>www.wwdp.org.uk/services</u>

EASYFUNDRAISING: Help us get 2024 off to a great start for Bishop Street Methodist Church Leicester by signing up to support us for FREE on #easyfundraising. You can raise donations whenever you shop online with over 8,000 brands including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Argos, M&S and more. Plus, once you've raised your first £5, easyfundraising will double it! Sign up today - it will make a BIG difference to us this year: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bishop-street-met-ch-

Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far. Your purchases are now raising much-needed donations for the Church.