

BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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



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Notices for

Sunday 18th February 2024, The First Sunday of Lent

10.45am Sunday morning Communion service

‘Pure unbounded love thou art’. Led by Rev Liam Dacre-Davis

Sunday 25th February 2024, The Second Sunday of Lent

10.45am Sunday morning service

‘Visit us with thy salvation’. Led by Richard Gill

10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for March 2024	
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.

During Lent 2024 we will be following a them of ‘Unbounded Love’, both in our Sunday Services, and through the 40 weekdays of Lent. See inside for ways to engage with some Lent reflections and discussions as well as a practical fund-raising response, as we journey towards Easter.



Prayers for 1st Sunday in Lent. Object: Torn fabric

Reader 1: Unbounded God, we thank you that you love us as we are, with all our flaws and imperfections. Nowhere is off-limits to you.

Reader 2: Lord Jesus, we place this torn fabric by the cross to remind us that at your baptism the heavens were torn apart, and divine love burst into this world in a new way.

Reader 1: Holy God,
All: **pure unbounded love thou art.**

Prayers for the 2nd Sunday in Lent. Object: Sweet Wrappers

Reader 1: Unbounded God, we praise you for your gift of new life, your salvation.

Reader 2: Lord Jesus, we place these sweet wrappers by the cross to symbolise all the things that we can leave behind, the things we no longer need as your beloved children.

Reader 1: Holy God,
All: **visit us with thy salvation.**

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.

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.

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. In general the group meets on the SECOND Wednesday in the month and at 12.30, finishing around 2 pm. 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 deeburning@yahoo.co.uk

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.

UNBOUNDED LOVE

God's love doesn't stay in the lines

40 daily email deliveries of love in Lent

Find out more here or by visiting methodist.org.uk/UnboundedLove

The Methodist Church

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.

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

LEICESTER 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 [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87603771006?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87603771006?pwd=OTFSQ2JlL3hkWUUp1NnU1b1ZiVDJudz09)

[pwd=OTFSQ2JlL3hkWUUp1NnU1b1ZiVDJudz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87603771006?pwd=OTFSQ2JlL3hkWUUp1NnU1b1ZiVDJudz09) Meeting ID: 876 0377 1006 Passcode: 281338

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. www.wwdp.org.uk/services