

BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Notices for Sunday 24th March 2024,

The sixth Sunday of Lent

PALM SUNDAY

10.45am Sunday morning service 'we cast our crowns before thee'.

Led by John Aldridge

| 10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for March/April 2024 | |
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| Good Friday | 11.00am service and 1.00pm recital (see back page). |
| 31 st March | Easter Day. Revd Liam Dacre-Davis (Holy Communion) |
| 7 th April | Local Arrangement by the Worship Team |
| 14 th April | Revd Liam Dacre-Davis (Baptism) |

Opening liturgy for Lent 6 (Palm Sunday). Object: a coat

Reader 1: Unbounded God, we thank you that you rode humbly into Jerusalem that day, knowing what pain and misery lay before you. You received short-lived praise from a crowd who spread their cloaks before you, but would soon reject you, and condemn you to death.

Reader 2: Lord Jesus, we place this coat at the cross to remind us that we need to let go of the things that bring us status in this world. Help us to stay true to you, knowing that you are the source of all life.

Reader 1: Holy God,

All: **we cast our crowns before thee.**

BRITISH SUMMER TIME BEGINS ON EASTER MORNING! Please note that on Saturday night of March 30th we will all need to move our clocks FORWARD one hour.

LENT APPEAL: The Joliba Trust would like to 'thank everyone at Bishop Street for their kind and generous support in collecting money for Mali during Lent. The £81.00 donation will be a big help with our work'. If anyone wants to follow their work, the website is:

www.jolibatrust.org.uk

BRONZE ECO CHURCH AWARD: "Bishop Street Methodist Church, Leicester has achieved an Eco Church Bronze award." Well done to everyone involved in reaching this milestone! And thanks to Alison and Mary for getting us through the process. Look out for details on how we might reach Silver!



EASYFUNDRAISING ask us to “imagine what a £500 donation prize could do for Bishop Street Methodist Church Leicester's fundraising! For your chance to win £500 for Bishop Street Methodist Church Leicester, sign up as many new supporters as you can before Friday 31st March to get entries into the prize draw*. Plus, you will earn £5 bonus donations for every new supporter who joins and

raises £5.

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.

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_

Memorial Service for Barry Wilford: This will take place on Tuesday 9th April at Oadby Trinity Methodist Church 2.00pm, following a private family cremation service. All are welcome to attend.

EASTER OFFERING 2024: Every year Easter Offering envelopes are distributed throughout the Methodist churches in Britain. This is an opportunity to raise funds for the Methodist Church's global partnership through the World Mission Fund. Methodist Women in Britain prepare the Easter offering service as a gift to the Methodist people following the tradition of fund raising begun nearly 140 years ago. All the monies raised are given directly to the World Mission Fund.

The envelopes are available in church today and on Easter Sunday. Please place your gift in an envelope and put it on the collection plate in the service. Note: ONLY fill in your details if Gift Aid can be collected on your gift. The theme for this year's Dedication Service is *Let Justice Roll*.

The service will be held at Trinity Oadby Methodist Church on Sunday 28th April at 6.30pm.

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.

LEICESTER TRINITY CIRCUIT Sunday Evening Lent Course for 2024: You are welcome to join us online at 6.00pm using the normal Circuit Sunday evening link

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87603771006?pwd=OTFSQ2JiL3hkWUp1NnU1b1ZiVDJudz09_M
eeting ID: 876 0377 1006 Passcode: 281338

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.

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.

Good Friday 29th March 2024 at
BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH
Town Hall Square, Leicester LE1 6AF



11.00am: The Annual Leicester Methodist Good Friday Service with readings of the Passion of Jesus from St Mark's Gospel.

1.00pm: University of Leicester String Quartet will perform

**'The Seven Last Words
of Our Saviour on the Cross'**
by Joseph Haydn

with a new sequence of poems on the Seven Last Words



ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING: This will be held as part of worship on Sunday 5th May 2024 when Rev Liam Dacre-Davies will be leading worship. In this meeting church stewards are appointed for the next 12 months.

We need another 2 stewards. Are you interested? Why not talk to one of the stewards and find out what is involved? 'Shadowing' a steward is one way to see what they do.

Two more communion stewards are also needed. This involves a commitment on the one Sunday in each month when a communion service is held. Talk to Josephine Chitsenga, who is the organiser of the communion steward's rota to find out more.

At the ACM representatives from the congregation are appointed to join the Church Council. These people are the trustees for the church and hold that responsibility so are also church members.

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 deebrunning@yahoo.co.uk

DISCIPLESHIP/ TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES – There is still time to sign up for the following: 29th April & 13th May 7-9 (Blaby MC) Safeguarding - Foundation Training. Please book with Laurie at the Circuit office via leicestertrinity@outlook.com

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->

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