

# BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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**Notices for Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024,**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**10.45am Sunday morning communion service**

*'After Darkness, Light'*

Led by Revd Liam Dacre-Davis

<b>10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for March/April 2024</b>	
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Local Arrangement by the Worship Team
14 <sup>th</sup> April	Revd Liam Dacre-Davis (Baptism)
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Revd Liam Dacre-Davis (Communion)
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Douglas Beoku-Betts / Jo Kay

**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. Please place your gift in an envelope and put it on the collection plate in the service.

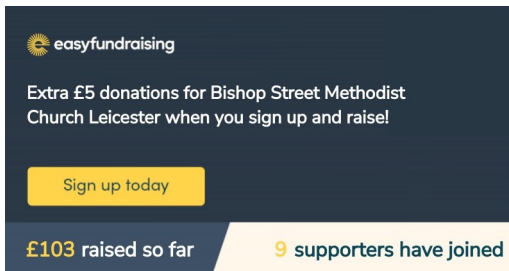
Note: ONLY fill in your details if Gift Aid can be collected on your gift.

**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.**

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

**LENT APPEAL:** The Jolibat 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](http://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

Extra £5 donations for Bishop Street Methodist Church Leicester when you sign up and raise!

Sign up today

£103 raised so far

9 supporters have joined

**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.

**Service of Thanksgiving for Barry Wilford:** The service in memory of Barry will be held at Oadby Trinity on Tuesday 9th April at 2pm, to be followed by refreshments in the hall. Donations received in Barry's memory will be shared between Cancer Research UK and Oadby Trinity. All welcome to come and give thanks for Barry's long commitment to church, circuit, chaplaincy, and so many other roles.

**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 services 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?](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

**LEAVING AND WELCOME SERVICES:** Note that details of the leaving services for Israel, Paula, and Helen, and the welcome service for Andrew, Kim and Christopher, will be available shortly. District Ordinands Testimony Service for **Revd James Patterson** and **Revd Phil Robinson** - Sunday 19 May 2024, 6.00pm at Aylesbury Methodist Church.

Leaving Service for **Helen Cameron** – 9th June, 3pm at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church. Oxford.

Welcome Service for **Sonia Hicks** – 3rd August, 2:30pm Park Avenue Methodist Church, Northampton.

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.

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](mailto:office@bishopstreetchurch.org.uk)

**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 [deebunning@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:deebunning@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](mailto:leicestertrinity@outlook.com)