

# BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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## Notices for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024,

### 10.45am Sunday morning service

***"I beg you ... bear with one another in love"***

*Today's service will use material prepared by the Christian Women of Palestine for last month's World Day of Prayer.*

Led by the Bishop Street Worship Team

10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for March/April 2024	
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 still available in church today. Please place your gift in an envelope and put it on the collection plate in the service.

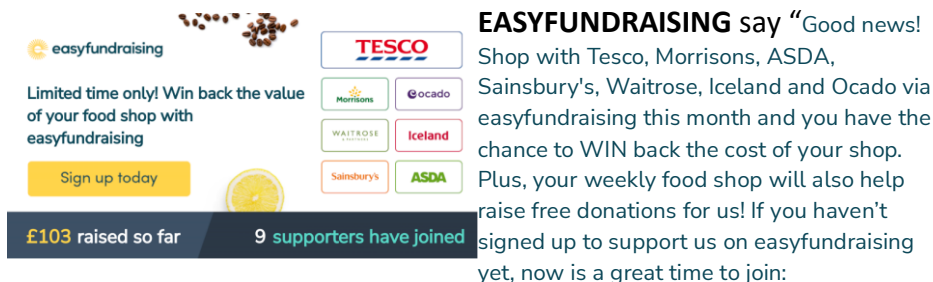
Note: ONLY fill in your details if Gift Aid can be collected on your gift.

**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.**

**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.

**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](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. Look out for details on how we might reach Silver!



**EASYFUNDRAISING** say "Good news! Shop with Tesco, Morrisons, ASDA, Sainsbury's, Waitrose, Iceland and Ocado via easyfundraising this month and you have the chance to WIN back the cost of your shop. Plus, your weekly food shop will also help raise free donations for us! If you haven't signed up to support us on easyfundraising yet, now is a great time to join:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/bishop-street-met-ch-> [Editor's Note – one winner per week during April, so that is only relevant if you already plan to buy your groceries online.]

Whether it is weekly groceries or other online purchases, the Church gets a small bonus if you have this installed on your computer/phone. 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.

**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?pwd=OTFSQ2JlL3hkWUp1NnU1b1ZiVDJudz09>

Meeting ID: 876 0377 1006 Passcode: 281338

**LEICESTERSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST:** Join us at **St Margaret's Church,**

**Leicester,** to celebrate The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust. Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – 5.30pm to 7.00pm. Cakes, Tea and Coffee. *Limited parking is available on the south side of the church – please park with care – St Margaret's Church, St Margaret's Street, Leicester LE1 3EB*

The Trust will give us a presentation about its work, followed by questions and discussion. Conducted tour of the church also available after the presentation. Please let us know if you can come, so we know how many people to cater for Church Office – [stmargaretschurchleicester@gmail.com](mailto:stmargaretschurchleicester@gmail.com)

Janet Arthur – [chairman@LHCT.org.uk](mailto:chairman@LHCT.org.uk) – 07840 543288

*There is no charge to attend. A donation on the day to the church for the refreshments will be appreciated.*

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)