

BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Notices for Sunday 21st April 2024, 10.45am Sunday morning Communion service led by Revd Liam Dacre-Davis

| 10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for April/May 2024 | |
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| 28 th April | Douglas Beoku-Betts / Jo Kay |
| 5 th May | Revd Liam Dacre-Davis (Communion) |
| 12 th May | Local Arrangement by the Worship Team |
| 19 th May | Jo Kay |
| 26 th May | Oscar Fortune |

ANNUAL GIFT DAY:

Today we launch our 'Annual Gift Appeal', giving members and friends an opportunity to make an additional gift for Church Funds, over and above the weekly offerings. Our Church finances continue to feel the impact of the pandemic closed period, and reserves are literally at 'rock bottom'. If you are in a position to make a one-off donation, to assist in getting us back to being able to actively think about future possibilities, now is a perfect time to do so. Envelopes will be available from this week, and we will be pleased to receive any donations either on the collection plate or by BACS transfer, over the next few weeks.

**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.**

EASTER OFFERING 2024: Every year Easter Offering envelopes are distributed throughout the Methodist churches in Britain. It 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 will now be given directly to the World Mission Fund. Thank you for all the donations.

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.

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!



The banner features the Easyfundraising logo on the left, a pile of coffee beans in the center, and a grid of supermarket logos on the right. Below the logos is a dark grey bar with white text showing fundraising progress.

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Note – one winner per week during April, so that is only relevant if you already plan to buy your groceries online.]

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/bishop-street-met-ch->

The EasyFundRaising App/Browser extension is a simple, free way to add an extra benefit to online shopping. Whether it is weekly groceries or other online purchases, the Church gets a small bonus if you have this installed on your computer/phone, and the price you pay stays the same! Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far. Your purchases are now raising much-needed donations for the Church. More participants welcome!

BISHOP STREET ON THE INTERNET: The morning services are videoed each week, and posted on **Youtube** later the same day. It is 'unlisted', so 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

Knighton Chamber Orchestra

Concert at St James the Greater Church, Leicester LE2 1NE

Saturday April 27th, 2024 at 7-00pm

Beethoven

Overture Coriolan, Piano Concerto No 4, Soloist: Francois Salignat

Symphony No 5

Tickets £10 available on the door by cash or card

“Probably the best amateur orchestra in the country”, Dominic

Sandbrook, The Sunday Times

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.

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

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 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