

BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Notices for Sunday 28th April 2024,

10.45am Sunday morning service

led by Douglas Beoku-Betts and Jo Kay

(See Inside for details of this evening's Easter Offering Service)

10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for May 2024	
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:

Last Sunday we launched 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 are available 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 this evening, Sunday 28th April at 6.30pm.

CITY CENTRE PROCESSION: Please note, the procession for the Sikh Celebration of Nagar Kirtan takes place in Central Leicester on Sunday 28th April leaving Holy Bones at 11.30am. The details of the route and timings can be found on the Leicester City Council website:

<https://news.leicester.gov.uk/news-articles/2024/april/nagar-kirtan-parade-to-take-to-city-s-streets/>



The banner features the EasyFundraising logo on the left, a central grid of retailer logos (Tesco, Morrisons, Ocado, Waitrose, Iceland, Sainsbury's, ASDA), and a dark blue bar at the bottom with statistics. The text on the right explains the offer: a limited-time promotion where users can win back the value of their food shop while helping raise donations. It includes a sign-up button and a note that there is one winner per week during April.

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

£103 raised so far **9** supporters have joined

<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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87603771006?pwd=OTFSQ2JlL3hkWUp1NnU1b1ZiVDJudz09)

[pwd=OTFSQ2JlL3hkWUp1NnU1b1ZiVDJudz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87603771006?pwd=OTFSQ2JlL3hkWUp1NnU1b1ZiVDJudz09) Meeting ID: 876 0377 1006 Passcode: 281338

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 – 29th April & 13th May 7-9 (Blaby MC) Safeguarding - Foundation Training.

Please book with Laurie at the Circuit office via leicestertrinity@outlook.com

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING, 5th MAY: A message from the Minister:

“Our General Church Meeting will form part of our worship on 5th May. This will give an opportunity for everyone to get a glimpse behind the scenes, so to speak, and learn what is involved in keeping our place of worship functioning.

This will also be the occasion when those serving the local church are appointed. We remain in hope that someone will come forward to take up the role of Senior Church Steward. We’re thankful that someone has offered to fulfil the role of Church Council Secretary, but we’re looking to appoint a minute taker to support them in this role.

The minute taker would be responsible for recording the minutes of 4 meetings per year, and there is no requirement for this person to be a Methodist member. Therefore, if you think you could help in this way, please talk to either Mary or Liam.

Everyone’s participation – however big or small – is deeply appreciated.”

Blessings, Liam

Please also note that 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 trustees for the church and hold that responsibility so are also church members.

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