



BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Notices for

Sunday 18th August 2024,

10.45am Morning Communion Service

led by Revd Tom Wilson, director of the
St Philip's Centre, Leicester

10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for August 2024

25 th August	Revd Kate Cook
1 st September	Circuit Welcome Service at Bishop Street, led by Revd Liam Dacre-Davis and Chair of District Revd Sonia Hicks. (See inside for full details on this service)

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.

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.

CIRCUIT WELCOME SERVICE

Sunday September 1st, 10.45am

Bishop Street Methodist Church has been chosen to host the Circuit Welcome Service. Three ministers will be welcomed into our Circuit. Revd Andrew Farrington will become our new Superintendent, while Revd Kim Alexander and Revd Christopher Andam will be joining us from South Africa and Ghana, respectively.

Our own Revd Liam Dacre-Davis will be leading the service alongside the incoming District Chair, Revd Dr Sonia Hicks. During our worship, the changing role of Rev Ivan Bennett (Authorised Minister) will also be acknowledged whose involvement and responsibilities within the life of the Circuit have increased.

Revd Christopher Andam will also be taking up the role of Co-ordinator of the Ghanaian Methodist Fellowship, and we will be fortunate to have the Fellowship's choir join us in worship.

It will be a momentous occasion in the life of our Circuit, but also a significant responsibility for Bishop Street Methodist Church. Therefore, if you are able to help our in any way (welcoming, refreshments, etc) please do speak with Mary Gill (Senior Steward).

AN IMPORTANT CONVERSATION FOR OUR CONGREGATION

Sunday 29th September, 4pm (Bishop Street Methodist Church)

Light refreshments will be served

In recent years, the Methodist Church in Britain has given its congregations the option of 'opting in' to celebrating same-sex marriage. The Methodist Church recognises that people's attitudes and understandings vary in response to such topics and encourages the Methodist people to 'live with contradictory convictions'.

This event offers the opportunity to celebrate that which holds us together as a worshipping community: the faith we share in Jesus Christ. It also gives us space to acknowledge our different understandings and experiences, especially in regard to marriage and relationships.

The point of this event is NOT to argue from our different opinions, or to influence one another's theological understandings. The

intention is to make space for one another in love, recognizing each other's faithful integrity, and celebrating the life that we share.

In time, our Church Council will vote on the matter of 'opting in' to celebrating same-sex marriage. Therefore, I encourage the whole of our worshipping community to participate in this careful and compassionate conversation.

If anyone would like to talk with Rev Liam before these conversations take place, you can call or email (0116 257 1069/liam.dacre-davis@methodist.org.uk)

REG WHIFFIN: We were very sorry to hear of the death of Reg Whiffin who married Ellen (formerly Marira) here at Bishop Street and worshipped with us. We send our deepest sympathies to all his dear family and particularly his wife, Ellen. The funeral service will be held at Uppingham Parish Church on Wednesday 21st August 2024 at 11:30 am. A memorial site for tributes to Reg can be found at: <https://regwhiffin.muchloved.com/>

CHRISTIAN/PAGAN DIALOGUE

On Friday 13th September, 10am, there is an opportunity to take part in a dialogue session between Pagans and Christians. The intention is for this to be relaxed and conversational, with the possibility of further sessions being planned.

The event will take place at St Philip's Centre (2a Stoughton Dr. North, Leicester LE5 5UB) whose work is supported by the Northampton Methodist District.

You can talk to our own Rev'd Liam Dacre-Davis who hopes to attend, or contact the St Philip's Centre directly (admin@stphilipscentre.co.uk)

EASYFUNDRAISING: Bishop Street Methodist Church Leicester has been paid £34.44 this week thanks to our community shopping online! A huge thank you to everyone who supports us. Want to get involved? Sign up to easyfundraising so your online shopping at your favourite retailers turns into much-needed funding for us. It'll take you two minutes to sign up: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/bishop-street-met-ch->

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

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: As we so appreciated Bishop Rowan Williams' knowledge and clarity of communication we have decided to study another of his books starting in June. It is called "Open to Judgement" This book is a collection of chapters, each written following either a lecture or sermon he had given and it addresses the challenges of living as a Christian in today's society. Anyone will be welcomed to join the group which meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 12-30 in the vestry. Please get in touch with Dee Brunning 0116 241 8742 or deebrunning@yahoo.co.uk for further details

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