

BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Notices for Sunday 1st September 2024, 10.45am Leicester Trinity Circuit Service led by Revd Liam Dacre-Davis and Chair of District Revd Sonia Hicks.

The service will be welcoming Revd Andrew Farrington, Revd Kim Alexander and Revd Christopher Andam to the circuit.

There will be contributions from the National Choir of the Ghanaian Methodist Fellowship.

Organist: Martin Briers.

10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for September 2024

8 th September	Local Arrangement for Education Sunday
15 th September	Revd Liam Dacre-Davis
22 nd September	Revd Liam Dacre-Davis (Holy Communion) for Disability Awareness Sunday
29 th September	Miriam Stevenson (Harvest Festival).

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 in having the Fellowship's choir join us in worship.

Thank you to all those who have helped with preparations and stewarding to enable this service happen.

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: A number of Bishop Street members were able to join Ellen and the Whiffin family for the funeral service at Uppingham on Wednesday 21st August. It was a memorable and remarkable occasion, blending as it did the family and friends of Reg's three daughters, some of Reg's former students, and Ellen's family, friends and Zimbabwean fellowship members, resulting in some 300 people packing into the Parish Church, the Methodist Church having been unable to accommodate such a number. We send our love and prayers to Ellen. 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)

RIDE AND STRIDE/HERITAGE OPEN DAY: Saturday 14th Sept. Volunteers needed for a sign-in rota. (see Mary Gill). Robin will be helping with a 'Ride Leicester' 10 mile cycle tour of 7 churches along the Soar Valley, starting at 10am at Town Hall Square. If anyone would like to join in, details are at <https://letsride.co.uk/rides/ride-leicester-ridestride-2024>

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.

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>

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. Please note: There is no evening service on Sunday 1st September. From September 8th there will be a new zoom link, which can be obtained from the minister: liam.dacre-davis@methodist.org.uk

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 deebunning@yahoo.co.uk for further details

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