

BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Notices for Sunday 29th September 2024,

10.45am Harvest Festival Service

led by **Miriam Stevenson**

We are pleased to be joined for today's service by

Zinthiya Ganeshpanchan of the Zinthiya Trust

At 4.00pm this afternoon Revd Liam Dacre-Davis will be leading a time of worship, fellowship, conversation and refreshments. Please come along to share in this important event. Details inside.

| 10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for September/October 2024 | |
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| 6 th October | Revd Liam Dacre-Davis (Holy Communion). |
| 13 th October | Local Arrangement by the Worship Team. |

ROTA: Please sign up on the ROTA SHEET as a welcomer or refreshments volunteer.

Our floral decorations for Harvest have been greatly enhanced by the purchase of a new selection of sunflowers.

This was made possible by a donation from Mrs Mary Roberts in loving memory of her parents, Mr & Mrs W Sharpe

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.

HARVEST FESTIVAL: On 29th September we celebrate Harvest Festival. As we give thanks and bring gifts to share in God's kindness we welcome a special guest, Zinthyia, whose Trust is based in our buildings and does so much to support and bring hope to women in difficulty and need. Zinthyia will be receiving our gifts on behalf of the Trust to share with those they work with. Zinthyia has asked for donations of dry rations such as pasta, pasta sauce, rice, tinned food (vegetables and fruits), tea and sugar. Please bring them on 29th September so that we can share the joy of the Harvest.

SPONSORED EVENTS:

LONDON SING FOR WATER – On 15th September near Tower Bridge, Hilary, joined several hundred other singers from around the UK to 'Sing for Water' to raise water for WATERAID. Hilary raised £223. Thank you to everyone at Bishop Street Methodist Church who sponsored her.

RIDE AND STRIDE – On the same day Robin visited 18 churches and covered 40 miles by bicycle. Thank you for the £236 raised in aid of LeicesterShire Historic Churches Trust and Bishop Street Methodist Church. It's not too late to sponsor in person (see Robin), or visit his JustGiving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/robin-stevenson-sept-2024> .

BIG WILD WALK – The Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust 'Big Wild Walk' is happening between 21st Oct and 3rd November and the target is 30 kilometres (20 miles). Alison Skinner will be aiming for 2 walks of 10 miles, "on dry days, which will certainly tax me as birdwatching which I do is not compatible with long distance walking!" Further details on online or Cash sponsorship will be available soon, to help look after our national nature reserves and ensure they are places where endangered birds, mammals, amphibians and insects can be protected and thrive. More information at lrwt.org.uk/big-wild-walk-2024

Methodist Prayer Handbook for 2024-25: Praise and Protest. Take a copy of the new Prayer Handbook to use during the year. (Sign on the sheet provided if you take a copy for your own use.) A donation towards the cost of the Handbook can be added to the regular church collection on a Sunday. (They cost £4.15 each.)

AN IMPORTANT CONVERSATION FOR OUR CONGREGATION

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

We will be sharing this conversation in the context of worship and fellowship as well as hot drinks and cake!

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)

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

LEICESTER TRINITY CIRCUIT Sunday Evening services for 2024: You are welcome to join us online at 6.00pm. Please note: the new zoom link can be obtained from the minister: liam.dacre-davis@methodist.org.uk

QUIZ NIGHT: The Men's Fellowship at Birstall Methodist Church are holding a Quiz Night on Thursday 24th October, open to men and ladies, Coffee and Cake will be provided for a small charge to cover costs.

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.

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.

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.

EASYFUNDRAISING: A big thank you to our amazing supporters who raise free funds for us on #easyfundraising. So far we have 12 supporters who have raised £115. If you're not signed up yet, please join today and you can raise free donations for Bishop Street Methodist Church Leicester every time you shop online. All the big names like John Lewis & Partners, Expedia, Argos, Just Eat and many more are ready to make a free donation at no extra cost to you. Plus, when you sign up today we could win a £100 donation:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/bishop-street-met-ch-/bgaeq2/c2s/ZdU7Z020/CE955/facebook/>

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