

# BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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**Notices for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024,  
10.45am Sunday Service  
for Black History Month  
Local Arrangement led by the Worship Team.**

10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for October 2024	
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Howard Smith
27 <sup>th</sup> October	Jo Kay
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Revd Gordon Webb (Chapel Anniversary)

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

**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.)

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.

## **Marriage and Relationships - Conversation Feedback**

Many attended a session on 29th Sept while others have read through the materials used on the day. You are now invited to give your feedback. Responses will be collated to offer an indication of the feeling of the whole congregation. This will inform, but not direct, the Church Council who will vote on whether to register our church for same-sex marriage.

The point of this exercise isn't to force everyone into adopting a single opinion. Rather, it is to recognise that we already worship together as people who fundamentally disagree on important matters. The real question is whether we are able to practice grace in making space for one another. Can we see faith and integrity in those we disagree with, and continue in relationship as siblings in Christ caught up in 'wonder, love, and praise'? As John Wesley put it, "Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may. Herein all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences."

Blessing, Liam

**CHURCH COUNCIL:** The October Church Council is on Monday 14th October at 7pm, either in the vestry or the office. We hope as many as possible can be at Bishop Street for the meeting, but if not, you will be able to follow the meeting on Zoom. The Zoom joining details are available from Margaret Mackley or Revd Liam. ([liam.dacre-davis@methodist.org.uk](mailto:liam.dacre-davis@methodist.org.uk))

**SPONSORED EVENT:** 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!" Online or Cash sponsorship will help look after our national nature reserves and ensure they are places where endangered birds, mammals, amphibians and insects can be protected and thrive. Alison's online donation page is at <https://thewildlifetrusts.enthuse.com/pf/alison-skinner>

**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](mailto:deebrunning@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](mailto: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:** Make your shopping count for so much more by supporting us for free via #easyfundraising! Over 8,000 retailers will donate to Bishop Street Methodist Church Leicester when you shop with them online at no extra cost to you. Plus, if you join today we could win a share of £3,000! It only takes a moment to join and it's completely free, so please sign up today: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/bishop-street-met-ch-/bgaeq2/c2s/EZfaNwcl/CE987/facebook/>

## INTERFAITH WEEK



### Speed faithing

An interactive and engaging opportunity  
to discuss your religious perspective  
on life, the universe and everything!

6:30 to 8:00pm, Wednesday 13th November  
at Oadby Trinity Methodist Church  
Harborough Road, Oadby, LE2 4LA,

**Cake provided!**



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