

BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Notices for Sunday 8th December 2024,

10.45am Sunday Service

Second Sunday in ADVENT: 'To Prophets Shown'

Local arrangement led by the Bishop Street Worship Team

ADVENT 2024: Advent Theme 'Hush the noise'

10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for December 2024

8 th December	Local Arrangement by the Worship Team
15 th December	Revd Andrew Farrington. <i>Scratch Nativity Play</i> and Holy Communion
22 nd December	Miriam Stevenson. <i>Christmas Carol Service</i>
Wed 25 th Dec.	<i>Christmas Morning Service</i> , 10.00am led Revd Liam Dacre-Davis
29 th December	Ash Desai – This will be Ash's trial service as he continues his local preacher training. (Mentor: Richard Gill)

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

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.

Advent 2: TO PROPHETS SHOWN. Opening liturgy

Preparations underway, shifting focus each new day,
Amidst the darkness looking for the light,
For the truth among the mess.

O hush the noise,

Let's hear the angels sing.

Looking for the messengers who bring the light,
Isaiah – prophet and ancient poet
And John who came to point the way.

O hush the noise,

Let's hear the angels sing.

Angels, messengers of today,
Truth tellers for this present age,
Those who now show us the way.

O hush the noise,

Let's hear the angels sing.

CHRISTMAS GIFT SERVICE: Thank you to all who contributed items at last week's service, to give to people who may get very little this Christmas. (We will be happy to receive items on Dec 8th as well, to add to the donations). We will be sharing via the Women's Refuge, One Roof Leicester, and After 18 (support for asylum seekers).

We also have a 'Postbox' to share cards with other Church members, available from next week, alongside an opportunity to send a 'collective card' to everyone at Church. These options both come with a chance to make a donation. This year our chosen cause is 'After 18', who we will also give some of the gifts to. Thanks for anything you can donate.

Alison, at *After 18*, writes, "Thank you very much for thinking of us. At the moment we are collecting for our education stationery packs which we give to students when they start school or college. Any contribution towards those would be gratefully received. In terms of gifts, winter hats, scarves, gloves, socks and toiletries are always appreciated most. Our young people are age 16 to 25 and the majority are young men. Thank for so much for your generosity."

DATES FOR DECEMBER: Connexional Advent Theme *'Hush the noise'*
Saturday December 7th: Messy Christmas activities for families (midday)
Advent 2 December 8th: Local Arrangement
Thursday December 19th 1.00: **Lunchtime Christmas Carols with Organ**
Advent 3 December 15th: **Nativity Play/** Communion
Advent 4 December 22nd: **Christmas Carol Service**, Miriam Stevenson
Wednesday December 25th: **Christmas Day 10.00am service**

LUNCHTIME CHRISTMAS CAROLS WITH ORGAN: Martin Briers will be providing an Organ recital of Christmas music along with Christmas Carols, on **Thursday Dec 19th**. If you would like to put in a request for a favourite carol for this, please pass it to Martin or one of the Stewards, after the service on Dec 8th at the latest, to give time to assemble a program. The event will run from 1.00-1.45.

EASYFUNDRAISING: We've raised £98.63 so far this year, thanks to our supporters using #easyfundraising when they make online purchases! Please keep up the good work with all your Christmas shopping, your donations are very appreciated. It's never too late to sign up and help us if you haven't already. Plus, if you sign up today we could win a £500 donation! Let's see how much we can raise together before 2024 ends: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/bishop-street-met-ch/>

CONDOLENCES to Revd Liam Dacre-Davis on the death of his sister. Liam will be leading her funeral in Bristol on Saturday 14th, and we thank our Superintendent minister, Revd Andrew Farrington, for stepping in to take the service here on Dec 15th. Our sympathy and prayers are with Liam and his family.

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

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.

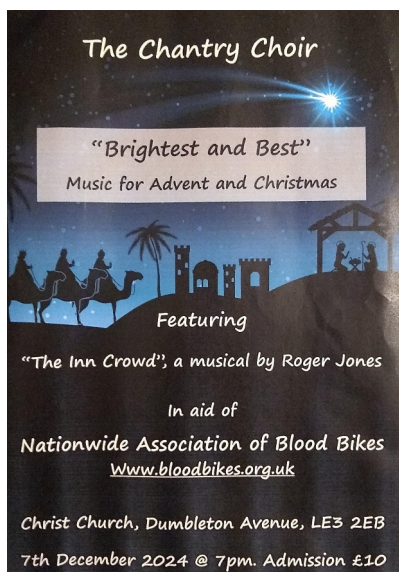
BISHOP STREET WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY. The Bible Study group meets every Thursday lunch time, 12 noon to 1.00pm, in the church. All are welcome to join the group who are currently studying the Gospel of Luke. For more information speak to Richard Gill.

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.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

The Chantry Choir.
Saturday December 7th at 7pm at
Christ Church URC,
Dumbleton Avenue
(Off Narborough Road)
in aid of 'Blood Bikes'!

To receive these notices by email each week, (or to unsubscribe) please send a request by email to Chris at the Church office:

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