

# BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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**Notices for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024,**

**10.45am Sunday Communion Service**

**Third Sunday in ADVENT: *'Babel Sounds'***

**led by Revd Andrew Farrington. Scratch Nativity Play and  
Holy Communion**

## **ADVENT 2024: Advent Theme 'Hush the noise'**

<b>10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for December 2024</b>	
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Revd Andrew Farrington. <i>Scratch Nativity Play</i> and Holy Communion
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Miriam Stevenson. <i>Christmas Carol Service</i>
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	<i>Christmas Morning Service</i> , 10.00am led Revd Liam Dacre-Davis
29 <sup>th</sup> 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**

Presents get wrapped with tape and glue,  
Tidy parcels neatly wrapped,  
Names on labels with "love from",  
O hush the noise,

**Let's hear the angels sing.**

We've sorted gifts and who needs what,  
What will they like, what will be good?  
But are there more we need to include?  
O hush the noise,

**Let's hear the angels sing.**

What of those alone, adrift, forgotten and neglected?  
What of those whose life's been hard?  
What gift of help needs wrapping too?  
O hush the noise,

**Let's hear the angels sing.**

**CHRISTMAS GIFT SERVICE:** Thank you to all who contributed items at the recent Gift Service, to give to people who may get very little this Christmas. We will be sharing these via the Women's Refuge, One Roof Leicester, and After 18 (support for asylum seekers).

**CHRISTMAS CARD POSTBOX:** We have a 'Postbox' in operation, to share cards with other Church members, 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."

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

**DATES FOR DECEMBER:** Connexional Advent Theme *'Hush the noise'*  
Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup> 1.00: **Lunchtime Christmas Carols with Organ**  
Advent 4 December 22<sup>nd</sup>: **Christmas Carol Service**, Miriam Stevenson  
Wednesday December 25<sup>th</sup>: **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 December 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 1.00pm**. Come along to join in a selection of favourite carols, and listen to some Christmas Organ items. The café will be open for refreshments, including some festive specials.

**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/>

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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/>.

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