

BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Notices for Sunday 2nd March 2025,

10.45am Sunday Service

led by Richard Tinley

10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for March 2025	
9 th March	Revd Liam Dacre-Davis (Holy Communion)
16 th March	Miriam Stevenson
23 rd March	Matt Forsyth (District Mission Team leader) to be followed by a Church 'Pizza Lunch'

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

COLLECTION FOR CONGO: Thank you to all who contributed to last week's additional collection for the emergency situation in DR Congo. £61.85 was collected and will be passed on to TearFund. More details, can be found at <https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/democratic-republic-of-congo-emergency-appeal>

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.

LEICESTER TRINITY CIRCUIT Sunday Evening services for 2025: 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

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



Sunshine and Showers: Join our Lent study group!

“Prayer is foundational to our faith... And yet, for many people, it is one of the hardest things about being a follower of Jesus.”

Our six-week study responds to a number of ‘prayer paradoxes’ - Is prayer boring, or life giving? Does God feel absent, or present? Do you get answers, or no answers? - We will explore one paradox for each week of our study.

The sessions will take place online on **Thursday evenings (7.30pm)** beginning 6th March. Everyone is welcome to join the study, and there is no expectation of prior knowledge or learning. Please request a free course booklet from one of the Church Stewards (those who tend to give notices at the beginning of each church service). (Zoom Meeting ID: 978 8152 7563 Passcode: 551490). If you would like a zoom link or have any questions, please speak to our Minister, Liam, or Miriam Stevenson.

LENT CHARITY: We have had a suggestion that we support Tree Aid as our charity for Lent. This organisation was founded in 1987 and works with countries in the northern Sahel region of Africa who are severely affected by land infertility and climate change. They focus their activity in the countries of Burkina Faso, Ghana, Mali, Niger, Ethiopia and Senegal. Led by local people, the various projects have helped to grow millions of trees as part of ‘The Great Green Wall’ initiative. The aim is to protect huge areas of land and provide food and incomes locally. There is more information at www.treeaid.org.uk . If people have any thoughts on this or alternative suggestions please could they talk to Alison Skinner at church.

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.

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.



A six week course - ideal for Lent

Christian Aid created 'Act on Poverty' with UK partners in the run up to last year's General Election. With refreshed content ready for Lent 2025, the course will help Christians gain a deeper understanding of poverty and get

equipped to talk to political representatives about it. The six session packs and extra resources are available at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/act-on-poverty>

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday 7th March 2025

The theme this year is '*I made you wonderful*' and the service has been prepared by the Christian women of the Cook Islands.

This is an ecumenical service which will be held throughout the world within the 24 hours of Friday 7th March. If you are able to attend a service these are some of the churches in Leicester and nearby where there is a service.

I am sorry that there is no service in Leicester city centre, but it became impossible to continue to organise one. I will plan to use some of the worship material later in the year for a local arrangement service. There are nearby services arranged at:

Stoneygate Baptist Church, London Road at 7.30pm

St Mary Magdalen Church, Knighton at 2.00 pm

All Saints Church, Wigston Magna at 2.00 pm

St Mary's R.C. Church, South Wigston 2.00 pm

St Anne's Church, Letchworth Road (Western Park) at 2.00 pm

Cosby Methodist Church at 2.30pm

If you cannot attend in person I recommend visiting www.wwdp.org.uk which has songs sung by the Cook Island women the preparation days showing the making of flower garlands and decorating the church.

Last year the service was prepared by the Christian women of Palestine. Please keep this dedicated community of women in your prayers.

Mary Gill

MONTHLY CELL GROUP: As we so appreciated Bishop Rowan Williams' knowledge and clarity of communication we are studying another of his books. It is called "*Open to Judgement*" and 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 for further details



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Wholehearted - New Methodist Initiative:

The first three gatherings of *wholehearted monthly*, a new online mission series, will be on the second Tuesday of each month, 7:00pm - 9:00pm GMT/BST. **Nadia Bolz-Weber** (Tuesday 11 March), **Rowan Williams** (Tuesday 8 April) and **Chine McDonald** (Tuesday 13 May)

It's for anyone committed to a vibrant friendship between "Church" and "World" — and a desire for both to flourish. Hosted by the Methodist Church in Britain and open to all: <https://tinyurl.com/yjpspsp7>

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/>

SUNDAY MARCH 2ND ROAD RACE

On the morning of Sunday March 2nd there will be a road Race round the centre of Leicester. Several roads will be closed or restricted, including Granby St, Bishop St and Granby St. You may need to allow time on your journey to get to church.

EASYFUNDRAISING: It's never too late to sign up and help us if you haven't already. Online purchases of many kinds can get a donation for the Church, at no extra cost to you. For example use of a comparison site for car insurance renewal meant the Church was recently donated £19. The EasyFundraising software handles all the details. To sign up visit:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/bishop-street-met-ch/>