

BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Minister: Revd Liam Dacre-Davis

Notices for Sunday 23rd March 2025,

10.45am Sunday Service

for the third Sunday in Lent

led by Matt Forsyth (District Mission Team leader)

to be followed by a Church 'Pizza Lunch'

10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for March/April 2025	
30 th March	Revd Liam Dacre-Davis (Mothering Sunday) (Note: clocks go forward one hour)
6 th April	(preacher not yet confirmed)
13 th April	Local Arrangement for Palm Sunday
Friday 18 th April	Good Friday: 11.00am reflective service. 1.00pm recital on 'The Seven Last Words'.
20 th April	Revd Liam Dacre-Davis (Easter Morning Communion)

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

We are delighted to welcome Matt Forsyth (District Mission Enabler) to lead today's worship. Matt will be accompanied by Rev Kim Shorley (also from the District Mission Team). Together they will help us to celebrate where we are, while encouraging us to imagine what opportunities are ahead of us. Our conversations will continue after worship as we share a meal together. Pizza will be ordered, but please do bring any soft drinks or nibbles to share.

Living with Contradictory Convictions - An Outcome

Our congregation is diverse in many ways, and we have been on a journey to better understand how we can continue together with contradictory convictions. We have worked hard to recognise the faith and integrity of those we disagree with while remaining in relationship as a worshipping community. This has demanded grace, patience, and love.

The basis of our worshipping community is our shared faith in Christ. As Methodist people, we work out our faith through our engagement with scripture, tradition, reason and experience. This approach affords a breadth to our understanding of matters of faith, which reinforces the need for grace and understanding as we care for one another.

Most recently, our Church Council has voted on the possibility of registering the church building for the solemnisation of same-sex marriages. The vote was passed by a clear majority, but we did not all agree. Nevertheless, we remain together and recognise that what holds us together (our faith in Christ) cannot be overcome by our lesser disagreements.

Our diversity, and the love that we share, stands as a prophetic witness in a world that is all too often divided. With people sadly pitted against one another, our faithful community lives as a demonstration of God's reconciling love.

If you would like to talk with Rev Liam Dacre-Davis concerning any of the above, please email: liam.dacre-davis@methodist.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 are online on **Thursday evenings (7.30pm)** until 10th April. 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 are supporting 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 . A collection box will be available throughout Lent.

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

MONTHLY CELL GROUP: We are almost at the end of our current book by Rowan Williams and will be starting a new one on the second Wednesday in May, 14th. We shall be looking at "The Lord and His Prayer" by Tom Wright. He is a former Bishop of Durham and has written a large number of aids to studying most of the books of the New Testament. He brings his wide theological studies to aid understanding and writes in a very readable manner. We would welcome new members to our group so please feel free to contact Dee Brunning on 0116 241 8742 if you would be interested

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.



wholehearted **monthly**

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 Oscar Fortune, or the minister – or just come along at 12.00 and introduce yourself.

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.

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. The EasyFundraising software handles all the details. To sign up visit:

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

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.

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