

BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Notices for Sunday 27th April 2025, 10.45am Sunday Service for the first Sunday after Easter led by Richard Tinley

10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for May 2025	
4 th May	Andrew Biggins (Christian Aid)
11 th May	Jean Thornton
18 th May	Revd Liam Dacre-Davis
25 th May	Revd Kim Alexander

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

LENT CHARITY: Thank you to all who donated towards Tree Aid as part of our Lent giving. We are pleased to announce that £128 was raised in donations, which will be passed on to be used in the projects across the Sahel area of Africa, establishing 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. If you missed the chance to donate, and would like to do so, there is a direct donation facility at www.treeaid.org.uk.

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.

ASCENSION DAY CIRCUIT SERVICE: On Thursday 29th May at 7.30pm there will be a circuit service at Christchurch, Clarendon Park Road. This will be a communion service and will also receive the Easter Offering gifts for World Mission. It will also be the launch of 'Thy Kingdom Come', (details to follow).

VAISAKHI PROCESSION : If you are driving to Bishop Street on Sunday, please note that the annual public celebration of the Sikh Festival of Vaisakhi will be marked with a procession through the centre of Leicester from the Gurdwara at Holy Bones (St Nicholas Circle). This year sees a new route including Bishop Street. The procession will set off from 11.30 and St Nicholas Circle will be shut for up to 3 hours after that. Bishop Street will be closed as the procession passes through probably around midday so some of us may get to see this together, but it may also have an impact on traffic and parking. See <https://news.leicester.gov.uk/news-articles/2025/april/road-closures-announced-for-vaisakhi-parade>



Sunshine and Showers: Join our (post-) Lent study.

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

The final session will be on the topic: ‘*Answering Prayers Ourselves*’, asking the question, “does God act or do we act to answer prayers.” It will be online on **Thursday 1st May at 7.30pm**. 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.

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.

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

CHAPEL CAFÉ. The café is run by the Zinthiya 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.

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



Wholehearted - New Methodist Initiative:

The first three gatherings of *wholehearted monthly*, a new online mission series, will be on the second

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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 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 handles all the details. To sign up visit: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/bishop-street-met-ch/>

Gifts for the World Mission Fund

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for your gift towards the Methodist Church World Mission Fund. Note: Only fill in the details if you can Gift Aid your donation. Place your envelope on the normal collection plate on this or the following Sundays. The gifts will be dedicated at the Easter Offering Service to be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 29th May at Christchurch, Clarendon Park.

Each year, the Methodist Church collects donations at Easter to further the work of the World Mission Fund. This tradition dates back to 1883, when women in Manchester collected £32 for missionary work overseas from 'Christmas pennies' at family gatherings on Christmas Day. In March 1884, the London Districts distributed Easter envelopes and collecting bags asking for a penny a head, and collected around £100. In 1900, Women's Work raised £1,655 for the work of overseas missions. Since then, each of the successive Methodist women's movements has encouraged donations in support of God's mission. Recently, *Methodist Women in Britain* have produced an annual service of dedication.

All the money raised through the Easter Offering goes to the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in Great Britain for work in our Partner Churches around the world. In 2023, collections from Easter Offering services raised over £190,000, thanks to the generosity of Methodists. We thank Methodist Women in Britain for running this appeal, and you for making a difference by contributing to God's mission in this way.

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