

# BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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**Notices for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025,**

**10.45am Sunday Service**

**for the second Sunday after Easter**

**led by Andrew Biggins**

**We will be marking the work of Christian Aid in this service,  
in advance of Christian Aid Week (11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May)**

<b>10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for May 2025</b>	
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Jean Thornton
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Revd Liam Dacre-Davis. This service will include the Bishop Street <b>Annual Church Meeting</b> . It is a chance to review the work of the Church last year and think about the current and future running of the Church. It is a time when members can be appointed to the various roles/committees within the church.
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Revd Kim Alexander (Holy Communion)
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Ascension Day Circuit Service at Christchurch, Clarendon Park Road, 7.40pm (see inside for details)

**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.

**ASCENSION DAY CIRCUIT SERVICE:** On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 mark the start of this year's '**Thy Kingdom Come**' prayer event, 29<sup>th</sup> May to 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025,

Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

Since it began in May 2016, God has grown TKC from a dream of possibility into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions – so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way.

It is our hope & prayer, that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him.

Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.

Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part & join in.

**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](mailto: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**  
**monthly**

**Wholehearted - New Methodist Initiative:**

The first three gatherings of *wholehearted monthly*, a new online mission series, are on the second Tuesday of each month, 7:00pm - 9:00pm GMT/BST. For the third of these **Chine McDonald** will be speaking on

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>

**EASYFUNDRAISING:** We've had 9 donations in the last 30 days, thanks to our supporters using #easyfundraising when they make online purchases! Please keep up the good work, your donations are very appreciated. It's never too late to sign up and help us if you haven't already. Plus, join today and we could win a £250 donation: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/bishop-street-met-ch-/bgaeg2/c2s/128FF5bb/CE949/facebook/9>

**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.

### **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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