

BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Notices for Sunday 22nd March 2026

SUNDAY SERVICE 10:45am

for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

led by Colin Rodway

10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for March/April 2026	
29 th March	Palm Sunday: Local Arrangement to include a ' <i>Passion Narrative</i> ' (see inside for details)
Friday 3 rd April	GOOD FRIDAY: 11.00am <i>Easter Objects</i> : a reflection by way of images and words on the things mentioned in the Passion narrative. 1.00pm: Joseph Haydn's ' <i>The Seven Last Words of Christ</i> '. University of Leicester String Quartet
5 th April	EASTER SUNDAY: Revd Liam Dacre-Davis (Holy Communion)
12 th April	Richard Gill
19 th April	John Aldridge
26 th April	Richard Cawthorne

Note: The next midweek communion, in the prayer corner, will be on Wednesday 1st April, led by Revd Liam Dacre-Davis.

LENT 2026 – 'Let go, and be open': A series of seven one-hour zoom reflections for Lent, using material prepared by the Methodist Church will be led by Revd Liam Dacre-Davis, the next being at 7pm on **Tuesday March 24th**. All are welcome. Email liam.dacre-davis@methodist.org.uk for the zoom link.

LENT COLLECTION: Mary's Meals

We have chosen Mary's Meals as our charity for donations in Lent. The UK based charity works with partners in Africa, India and Latin America to provide meals for children in school which aids their nutrition and concentration. There will be a box for donations each Sunday until Easter - please give generously.

EASTER OFFERING AND DEDICATION SERVICE.

The tradition of fund raising for overseas mission began in Manchester in 1883 when Methodist women collected 'Christmas pennies' at family gatherings on Christmas day to support missionaries overseas. This tradition has continued and is now a collection taken at Easter. The envelopes came later and are designed for those who can Gift Aid their donation. These will be available from **Sunday 22nd March** and on Easter Sunday with a plate for non Gift Aid donations. The money raised goes directly to fund the work of Mission Partners and the churches they serve in many parts of the world.

The Circuit Easter Offering Dedication Service will be held at Trinity Methodist Church Oadby on **Sunday 3rd May** at 6.30pm using material prepared by Methodist Women in Britain (supported by the Global Relationships team), as a gift to the Methodist people. The 2026 focus is FREEDOM. The theme is *Unbound: a gospel that breaks the barrier*. Please speak to one of the stewards if you would like a lift. Service materials are available on line at <http://methodist.org.uk/EasterOffering>.
Mary Gill, Easter Offering Service Organiser

MONTHLY MIDWEEK COMMUNION. Revd Liam will be leading a simple communion service of prayers (no singing) on **Wednesday 1st April** at midday in the prayer corner. This will be repeated on the first Wednesday of each month. All are welcome.

BISHOP STREET WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY. The Bible Study discussion group meets on Thursday lunch times to continue our reading through Luke's Gospel. A small group makes this happen at 12 noon to 1.00pm each Thursday and would welcome any Members and Friends who would like to join us in the Church Prayer Corner.

PALM SUNDAY PASSION NARRATIVE: Palm Sunday (March 29th) is a local arrangement service and we will be collectively re-telling St Matthew's account of the Entry into Jerusalem and the Last Supper, Betrayal, Trial and Crucifixion of Jesus. Some people have already signed up, but there are lots of parts: larger ones such as Jesus, Pilate, Judas and Caiaphas (the High Priest) and shorter parts such the servant girl and Pilate's wife are still unfulfilled. There will be a list available at the back of the church to sign up or you can email Miriam at m.gill.leicester@gmail.com to volunteer for a part.

MONTHLY CELL GROUP: We are now looking at Rowan Williams latest book, published last year. It is *Discovering Christianity: A guide for the curious*. It would be great if anyone else in the congregation might want to see what the former Archbishop of Canterbury is encouraging us to consider. Our usual meeting is on the second Wednesday in the month at 12-30. Please get in touch with Dee on 0116 241 8742 or speak to her after church to find out more.

LEICESTER TRINITY CIRCUIT Sunday Evening services for 2026: You are welcome to join us online at 6.00pm each Sunday. Please note: the new zoom link can be obtained from the minister: liam.dacre-davis@methodist.org.uk

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.

CHAPEL CAFÉ. The café is run by the Zinithiya 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.

**GOOD
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**3rd April 2026
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