

BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Notices for Sunday 19th April 2026

MORNING SERVICE 10:45am

led by John Aldridge

10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for April/May 2026	
26 th April	Richard Cawthorne
3 rd May	Revd Liam Dacre-Davis with Annual Meeting
10 th May	Local Arrangement for Christian Aid Sunday
17 th May	Revd Liam Dacre-Davis (Holy Communion)
24 th May	Revd Kim Alexander
31 st May	Susan Alexander

Note: The next midweek communion, in the prayer corner, will be on Wednesday 6th May, led by Revd Liam Dacre-Davis.

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.

CHURCH GENERAL MEETING: This annual meeting will be incorporated into our morning service on Sunday 3rd May and will be led by Revd Liam Dacre-Davis. This is an important occasion as we will hear reports from various aspects of Church Life, and will appoint the stewards and other officers and Church members to the Church Council and Circuit Meeting.

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

EASTER FLOWERS: Thank you to Anne and the flower arrangers for the displays of Easter Flowers in the Church.

Happy Vaisakhi to our Sikh community! Don't forget that the city's Vaisakhi procession the Nagar Kirtan will take place on Sunday 26 April, with thousands of people set to join in the fun!

LENT COLLECTION: Mary's Meals

Thank you to all who have contributed towards this year's Lent Collection. £62.81 has now been banked. Our chosen charity, Mary's Meals, are now feeding 3,011,060 children every school day. With a bit of topping up, our plan is to donate enough to pay for 5 children's meals for a year.

MONTHLY MIDWEEK COMMUNION. Revd Liam will be leading a simple communion service of prayers (no singing) on **Wednesday 6th May** at midday in the prayer corner. This will be repeated on the first Wednesday of each month. All are welcome.

FORWARD PLANNING: The next meeting will be on Thursday 21st May at 7.00 on zoom, and will be planning the summer and autumn services and events.

BISHOP STREET WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY. The Bible Study discussion group meets on Thursday lunch times and are beginning our reading through the Acts of the Apostles. 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.

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 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.

PRESIDENT'S VISIT – The District Big Sing

The President of Conference, Revd Richard Andrew, will be preaching at a Northampton District ***Evening Service and Big Sing*** at 6pm on Sunday 19th April at Church of Christ the Cornerstone, 300 Saxon Gate, Milton Keynes, MK9 2ES.

All are very warmly invited to join us for this joyful service, either in person or via zoom. If Attending via Zoom you can Email the District Office (office@northamptonmethodistdistrict.co.uk) and write "Zoom attendance". (Should you wish to attend in person, or be part of the Big Sing Choir, you can email "Attendance only" or "Choir attendance", to book a place.)

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