

BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Minister: Rev Malcolm Oliver (for urgent pastoral matters to end of August)

Notices for MORNING SERVICES 10:45am

Sunday 23rd AUGUST 2026

Communion Service led by Kate Cook

10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for August/September 2026	
30 th August	10.30am Circuit Welcome Service at Oadby Methodist Church (no service here that morning)
6 th September	Revd Kim Alexander
13 th September	Local Arrangement
20 th September	Andy Biggins
27 th September	Revd Kim Alexander, Harvest Festival with Holy Communion

WELCOME SERVICE: On **Sunday 30th August at 10:30am** there will be a Circuit Welcome Service for Revd Shirlyn Toppin, our new Circuit Superintendent, and for Deacon Karen McBride, whose work in Leicester on behalf of the Circuit will be based at Bishop Street. The morning service is at **Oadby Trinity Methodist Church**. There will be no Sunday morning service at Bishop Street on the 30th. If you would like come to this joint Circuit service and you don't have transport, please speak to Miriam or Robin, or any of the stewards. See below for an opportunity to sing in the choir that morning.

At the Welcome service at Oadby there will be activities in the hall for all those age 5-17years, joining the service towards the end of the service, to present gifts to our New superintendent and Deacon. Activities: Games, Craft, Singing, Refreshments. Please let stewards

know if you will be taking Children to this, so we can let Revd Ivan Bennett know the numbers.

Saturday 12th September 2026 -an important day for Bishop Street Methodist Church.

It is our Heritage Open Day as part of National Heritage Open Day. Help in the church on this day would be welcome to register visitors and welcome visitors to the Heritage Room.

We plan to have the Heritage Room open with information on display about the history of the church and information on the display boards about Methodism in the city past and present.

There will be a table by the display boards with starter sheets to construct your family tree and booklets available on the history of the organ and our comic strip version story of how our church came into being 'Have Horse will Travel'.

It is also the day of the annual fund raising event for the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust.

RIDE AND STRIDE - To take part you can decide to either walk, run, cycle or use your mobility scooter to visit as many churches that you decide is possible for you. Ask friends and family to sponsor you so much per church visited.

There are several city centre churches open that day. You can always include Bishop Street and maybe stop for a drink or some food.

The money you raise is split between Bishop Street and the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust.

The list of churches that will be open is on the web site:

www.LHCT.org.uk/ride-and-stride/

Speak to Mary Gill and Alison Skinner or Robin Stevenson if you would like to help in any way for an hour or more.

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 MIDWEEK COMMUNION. This is planned to restart in September although dates and times are not yet confirmed. All are welcome.

MONTHLY CELL GROUP: This group is taking a rest in August but will meet again on Wednesday 9th September at 12.30pm. We have finished reading *Discovering Christianity: A guide for the curious* by Rowan Williams. We recommend this book as a way of identifying what Christians believe and practice.

We will be starting a new book, yet to be chosen.

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.

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: Our easyfundraising community has raised over £300 for Bishop Street Methodist Church so far - thank you so much! You can help us continue our success by supporting us on easyfundraising. The website enables small donations to the Church, at no cost to you, each time you buy items, including insurance, travel, groceries and general shopping. For more details on how to sign up see:

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

ANOTHER WELCOME SERVICE! ANOTHER CIRCUIT CHOIR! As we prepare to welcome Reverend Shirlyn and Deacon Karen into the Leicester Trinity Circuit, we are gathering a Circuit Choir to take part in the Welcome Service at Oadby Trinity on **Sunday 30th August at 10.30am**. Would you like to take part?

Rehearsals are as follows:- (all at 7pm)

Friday 21st August 7pm at Syston Methodist Church, High Street,
Syston LE7 7LB 28

Friday 28th August 7pm at Oadby Trinity Methodist Church,
Harborough Road, Oadby LE2 4LA

You are expected to come to two of these rehearsals, and the one on the 28th is compulsory. If you can make all three that's splendid! It would be helpful if you could contact me to let me know you are coming and what voice part you usually sing.

My details are in the Circuit Plan Please bring a copy of Singing the Faith to the rehearsals with you—and lots of enthusiasm! Rev'd Kate Cook

LEICESTER TRINITY CIRCUIT Sunday Evening services for 2026: You are welcome to join us online at 6.00pm each Sunday. Please note: the zoom link can be obtained from the circuit office:

office@leicestertrinitycircuit.org.uk

MHA Aigburth Residential Care Home & Dementia Unit
21 Manor Road Oadby LE2 2LL
You are warmly invited to join with our residents for

'Music in the Garden'

on Saturday 22 August
3 - 4.30pm

Aigburth Singers + ukulele Sue, Rob & John +
Wendy on recorder + John on Saxophone, +
Andrew on keyboard & soloist Clare Snow –
will all be *busking* in our lovely 'secret' grounds!

Donations towards light refreshments will be welcome for
Amenity and Gardening funds for the benefit of our residents.
Stalls too!

FREE entry: we hope you will come! 😊

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.

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