

BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Minister: Revd Kim Alexander

Notices for MORNING SERVICE 10:45am

Harvest Festival with Holy Communion.

Sunday 27th SEPTEMBER 2026

Led by Revd Kim Alexander,

**We shall be receiving harvest gifts of dry/non-perishable
food during the service, which will be passed on to the
Zinthiya Trust Community Shop/Food Bank
(nb. Pastoral Visitor meeting follows this service)**

10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for October 2026	
4 th October	Jo Kay
11 th October	Local Arrangement
18 th October	Revd Kim Alexander, Holy Communion
25 th October	CHURCH ANNIVERSARY. This will be a Local Arrangement 'Songs of Praise' service (see inside for more details)

FLOWERS - As we give thanks for God's bountiful harvest, we also mark with gratitude the regular contributions from Mary Roberts to the Flower Fund, part of which has been used to provide the fresh sunflowers. Mary's autumn donation is in memory of her Dad's birthday (Walter "Wally" Sharpe on 23rd September) and the

anniversary of when her Mum died (Rene Sharpe on the 13th November)."

2026 CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY

This year we are going to celebrate with a *Songs of Praise*. If you have a favourite hymn or a hymn that reminds you of your time at Bishop Street or a special person or event here, please send that to Miriam: m.gill.leicester@gmail.com . If you want to explain or would like to share your reason/ memories in the service, please let Miriam know.

HARVEST FESTIVAL: Today we celebrate our Harvest Festival, and our gifts of non-perishable/ longlife / pantry foods, will be passed on to the Zinthiya Trust Community Shop. They provide low-cost food and provisions for people struggling to afford to eat properly, whilst enabling more selection and choice than a traditional food bank.

GABRIELLA: We have been delighted to have Gabriella as an active member of our Church fellowship over recent years. However she has begun her degree course as a full-time student at Warwick University, studying English and Linguistics. Whilst she will still be back in Leicester from time to time, this means that her focus is now elsewhere and last week we were able to offer our thanks for all the ways she has contributed to our worship here and wish her well for the next stage in her life.

STUDENTS: There are also many other students returning to studies around the country, returning to Leicester for another year of studies, or arriving at one of the Leicester Universities to begin a new course. We send good wishes to all beginning a new phase in their education or career. If you are new to Leicester and looking for a place to belong as part of your student life, then welcome. Please make yourself known to one of the stewards, and stay for a hot drink and a chat after the service.

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 soon although dates and times are not yet confirmed. All are welcome.

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

MONTHLY CELL GROUP: We have enjoyed starting to look at Tom Wright's '*Luke for Everyone*'. Cell group will be meeting on the second Wednesday of the month as usual at 12:30 in the vestry. It would be lovely to have some new members so speak to Dee if you might be interested in joining us

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.

HERITAGE OPEN DAY and RIDE AND STRIDE: Thank you to all who helped enable our Church Open Day on *Ride and Stride* Saturday. We had 19 callers taking part in the *LeicesterShire Historic Churches Trust* sponsored ride-and-stride and 29 visitors to the 'Heritage Room' to

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discover more about the history of Bishop Street Church. Thank you also to Miriam for assembling a display on the Town Hall Square, currently on our exhibition boards.

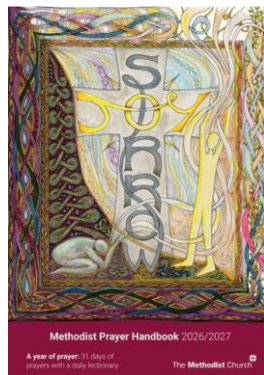
EASYFUNDRAISING: You can help with our Church finances at no cost by supporting us on easyfundraising. The website enables small donations by online shopping sites that go to the Church each time you buy items, including insurance, travel, groceries and general shopping. For more details on how to sign up see:

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

ONE ROOF LEICESTER are planning for the re-opening of the winter night shelter and are looking for **Single duvets, Single duvet covers, Single fitted sheets**. If you have any of these items in good clean condition (or know someone who does) and would like to donate them to us, we'd love to be considered - thank you so much. Additionally, if you are interested in volunteering at the night shelter this year, please contact Farhana, the Night Shelter Coordinator (farhana@oneroof.org.uk) and we can send more details - thank you!

NEW PRAYER HANDBOOK

The 2026-27 Prayer Handbook is now available. It contains a Bible-reading programme covering the whole Methodist Year up to September next year, and has 31 pages of Prayers and Reflections for use each day of the month, from Methodist districts around Britain, and Connexional partners around the world. We are making the handbook available free to Church members and friends, so please take a copy for use over the next 12 months.



If you are new to Bishop Street Church and would like to keep in touch, we would be pleased to 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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