BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Notices for MORNING COMMUNION SERVICE 10:45am
Sunday 15th NOVEMBER 2026
led by Revd Kim Alexander

10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for November/December 2026	
22nd November	Revd Shirlyn Toppin, Superintendent Minister for Leicester Trinity Circuit
29th November	Deacon Karen McBride, ADVENT SUNDAY *'Hope is Hiding in Plain Sight'.* Christmas Gift Service: an opportunity to donate items that will be given to people who may get few gifts this Christmas. (See inside for more details)
6th December	Revd Kim Alexander, ADVENT 2 *'A New Chapter Begins'.* Holy Communion
13th December	Deacon Karen McBride, ADVENT 3 *'God is nearer than we think'.* Christmas Carol Service
20th December	Deacon Karen McBride, ADVENT 4 *'God Interrupts for Good Reasons'.* Christmas service with Nativity Play, followed by Christmas bring-and-share lunch

MIDWEEK COMMUNION: 12.30pm on Wednesday 2nd December, led by Revd Kim Alexander in the Church Prayer Corner. All are welcome

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.

DAILY ADVENT REFLECTIONS - An invitation from Revd Kim:

Dear God's beloved,

As we begin to look towards the season of Advent, I would like to invite you to consider joining us on a special journey as we prepare our hearts and lives for the coming of the Christ Child anew. This year, we are offering the opportunity to receive a short **daily Advent devotion via WhatsApp**, sent out each morning throughout Advent. Each devotion will offer a thought, a reflection, or a little encouragement to carry with us into the day. In the busyness of life, it can be so easy to rush towards Christmas without pausing to reflect on the deeper meaning of this season. These daily moments will give us an opportunity to slow down, make space for God, and prepare ourselves afresh for the coming of Christ.

My hope is that, by sharing these devotions, we can journey through Advent together as a community of faith, even as we go about our different daily lives. If you would like to take part, please sign up by completing a consent form available at Church / Church Office, giving permission for the daily devotions to be sent to you via WhatsApp.

May this Advent be a time of renewed hope, quiet reflection, and joyful expectation as we prepare to welcome Emmanuel, God with us.
Shalom. Kim

GRANT APPLICATION HELP NEEDED: Our church building, and its ancillary rooms have a wide range of pressing repairs, particularly to the roofs, to resolve a variety of water ingress problems. With such a complex and hard-to-access selection of roofs, this will be an expensive process. We are therefore starting the process of identifying and applying for grants and fundraising to assist with this, and would be hugely grateful if there were volunteers who can help with this process.

Whether experienced or keen to learn, we would be delighted to have some more people active in working on the admin for the grants etc. Please speak to Revd Kim, or Robin or any of the 'Finance and Property' team if you are interested. We are working with our architect/ surveyor to firm up the details of the work needed, and will be sharing more information in the near future.

CHRISTMAS GIFT SUNDAY: On Advent Sunday, 30th November, we will be receiving items to give to people who may get very little this Christmas. We will be sharing via the **Women's Refuge**, hampers for **One Roof Leicester** and the **Community of Grace**, and perhaps the successor work to **After 18** (support for young adult asylum seekers). The items generally needed include nice toiletries, Christmas goodies (biscuits, chocolates) and little festive items such as hats, scarves, fluffy socks, etc. Also education stationery packs which After18 give to students at school or college. Winter hats, scarves, gloves, socks and toiletries for young men are always appreciated.

Please bring unwrapped presents on Gift Sunday or early in December so they can be directed to appropriate people. Thanks for anything you can donate.

We will also have a '**Christmas Postbox**' to share cards with other Church members, available from December, alongside an opportunity to send a 'collective card' to everyone at Church.

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. On the **first Wednesday** of each month we will have a short Communion Service at 12.30pm in the Prayer Corner. All are welcome.

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.

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

LOCAL PREACHER NEWS: On Sunday 4th December at 4pm at Birstall Methodist Church, we celebrate with **Colin Rodway** as he is admitted as a Methodist Local Preacher, having successfully completed his training. All are welcome to join this act of worship, and support Colin on this special day.

Sunday 15th November is also a special day for **John Aldridge**, as he marks 65 years of local preaching with a special service at Oadby Trinity at 10.30am—a magnificent achievement.

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

CHAPEL CAFÉ – NOTE: CHANGE TO OPENING TIMES. The café is run by the Zinthiya Trust and is currently open all week **10:00-15:00 Monday to Saturday**, 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/

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

Next year's MWiB Conference at the Swanwick Conference Centre takes place Friday 9th – Sunday 11th April 2027, cost £210 per person. A deposit of £100 secures your place. Booking is now open on the MWiB website. Conference theme: *Arise and Shine – Wellness*. There is one free place per District for someone who has not ever been to the Annual Conference. There are also generous bursaries available. The application forms will be on the website: www.mwib.org.uk or talk to Mary Gill.

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