

BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Notices for

Sunday 4th JANUARY 2026

MORNING SERVICE 10:45am

led by Revd Liam Dacre-Davis

10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for January 2026

4 th January 2026	Revd Liam Dacre-Davis
11 th January	Local Arrangement
18 th January	Revd Liam Dacre-Davis, Annual Covenant Service
25 th January	Revd Dr Sonia Hicks, Chair of our District
1 st February	Revd Kim Alexander

Wednesday 7th January at 12.00 midday: Short midweek communion in the prayer corner, led by Revd Liam Dacre-Davis (1st Wednesday of each month)

REFRESHMENTS: If you are able to help with the after-service refreshments or as a welcomer for the service, please sign up via the rota, or speak to one of the stewards for more information.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO ALL AT BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

REVD JILL WILEY: We were very sad to receive news of the death (on 13th December 2025) of our former minister, Revd Jill Wiley and we send our deep condolences to Philip and the members at First Lutheran, Brockton, where she worshipped. Jill ministered at Bishop Street from 1993 to 1997 and she brought creativity and innovation to many aspects of congregational life and worship, such as discussing films, hosting exhibitions (for example, the banners of CND), sharing in immersive Maundy Thursday services and thinking about how we could use our premises. We will share funeral arrangements when they are announced.

FORWARD PLANNING 2026: The Forward Planning meeting is an open Church meeting held on Zoom. The January meeting has been moved forward to **7pm on Thursday 8th January** so we are able to share our requests with those making the preaching plan for March to May 2026. If you would like to come along to help make plans for the spring, please contact Liam or its secretary Miriam Stevenson.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS have now been passed on to the Community of Grace, Women's Aid and After18. We are also pleased to record in cash donations from the Advent/Christmas Card collections, to pass on to these organisations as well.

After18 have written to say:

Thank you so much for your wonderful generosity. We are truly grateful for your congregation's kindness. Your support means a great deal to the young people we work with, many of whom are spending their first Christmas away from family. These thoughtful gifts will genuinely brighten their holidays and help us meet their needs. We're deeply appreciative of your support for our young refugees and asylum seekers.

With warm thanks and best wishes for the season,
Stefanos, Operations Manager, After18

WINTER NIGHT SHELTER, ONE ROOF LEICESTER: "Since we had to close the Winter Night Shelter in 2020 due to the Covid pandemic, we've been offering alternative winter accommodation each year to people who are rough sleeping. Sadly, with the rising number of people sleeping rough across the City and County, we have made the decision to reopen the shelter this winter.

This year, we will be running a static night shelter based at Central Baptist Church, Charles Street. The shelter will open from 1st December 2025 to 31st March 2026. We'll be welcoming up to 20 guests each night, providing a safe, warm space from 9pm to 8am, along with hot and cold refreshments. We're really excited to reopen the shelter and would be thrilled if you'd consider volunteering with us. If you have time free in the evening or overnight and would like to help our night shelter be a success we would love to hear from you. Find out more about volunteering for the Winter Night Shelter on our website: <https://www.oneroof.org.uk/our-work/winter-night-shelter> "

MONTHLY CELL GROUP: We are about to start Rowan Williams latest book, publishes earlier this 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 made the former Archbishop of Canterbury decide it's an appropriate offering for 2025. 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.

MONTHLY MIDWEEK COMMUNION. Revd Liam will be leading a simple communion service of prayers (no singing) on **Wednesday 7th January** 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 their 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 them in the Church Prayer Corner.

LEICESTER TRINITY CIRCUIT Sunday Evening services for 2025: 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

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.

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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