

BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Notices for

Sunday 11th JANUARY 2026

MORNING SERVICE 10:45am

local arrangement

by the Bishop Street Worship Team

10.45am SUNDAY SERVICES for January/February 2026	
18 th January	Revd Liam Dacre-Davis, Annual Covenant Service and Holy Communion
25 th January	Revd Dr Sonia Hicks, Chair of our District followed by a Church Pizza Lunch
1 st February	Revd Kim Alexander
8 th February	local arrangement
15 th February	Sunday before Lent: Rev'd Liam Dacre-Davis (Holy Communion)

Wednesday 4th February 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.

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.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS: Leicester Women's Aid have written to say, "Thank you for the incredible support you've given to our charity and for the generous donations you have made. Your kindness has genuinely made a difference, and we are truly grateful.

"The generosity of supporters like yourself, is vitally important to enable us to provide our support services, to allow people to live free from domestic abuse, violence and fear. We continue to provide free, confidential specialist support, which includes safe and secure refuges to house victims in urgent need of a safe place to stay. Our work is as important today as it was 50 years ago when we opened the first refuge in Leicester. In the 2023/24 period, our services supported over 530 adults and children. "

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.

PIZZA SUNDAY: Sunday 25th January Pizza based lunch after the service. We have not shared a meal after the Sunday service for a while. This would help to cheer us up during the winter cold weather and enable us to share more social time together. Rev Sonia Hicks, the Chair of the Northampton District, who is conducting worship for us this Sunday, has been invited to stay. Pizzas will be ordered and any contributions to the meal such as fruit and cake will be welcome. A cash donation towards the cost of the pizzas will also be gratefully received.

MONTHLY MIDWEEK COMMUNION. Revd Liam will be leading a simple communion service of prayers (no singing) on Wednesday 4th February 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.



METHODISM IN THE MEDIA:

Radio Four – Lost and Found. It was great to hear the **Methodist Women's Zimbabwean Fellowship** featured on Radio 4 as part of the personal reflection on the meaning of faith and fellowship, homesickness and belonging.

You can catch this 15 min programme via:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m002kf8y>



Methodist Church Youtube Video: With a similar focus on care and belonging, Rev'd Sincere Makunde, is featured speaking about the 'Gift of Community' among the personal resources created around the 'Gifted' theme: <https://youareagift.co.uk/> You may remember that Sincere was with for two years during her training.

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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