



# Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God  
Welcome Everyone  
Serve the Community**

Newsletter: April 24<sup>th</sup> – May 8<sup>th</sup> 2025

## **OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS**

### **WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)**

**Sunday 27th April - Morning worship led by  
Deacon Janet Thomas**

**Sunday 4th May - Morning worship led by  
John Legge**

Worship plans also available here:

<https://www.catshillmethodists.org.uk/worship>

### **Peter Collins: a message from his daughters**

Your friend and our Dad, passed away on 23rd March in his care home in Ross on Wye where he has been so beautifully looked after for the last year. Please join us to say a final farewell to Peter on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May** at 11.45am at Redditch Crematorium. Although he was a quiet man, he had many friends and we hope you can join us to say goodbye. After the service, we will return to Five Ways Old Edwardians Sports Club where Dad spent so many happy hours on his beloved tractor looking after the cricket and rugby pitches. If you would like to donate in Dad's memory to the Basement Project, we have set up a memory giving link:

<https://www.memorygiving.com/petercollins3>

Thank you from us all.

*NB The service will be live streamed – if you would like the link please contact Dave*

### **Carole Trigger : Recognition service for 40 years of Local Preaching**

The service to celebrate Carole's 40 years' service as a Local Preacher will take place at Catshill on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May** at 10.30am. Please come and join in with this special service, which will include Holy Communion.

### **Food for the Basement**

We continue to collect food for the Basement at café church services, especially UHT milk, tinned meat balls & Fray Bentos pies.

### **Prayer Group**

Prayer group meets fortnightly at 10am for about 45 minutes. All are welcome to this important part of our church life. Any prayer requests will be very welcome. The next meeting will be on **April 29<sup>th</sup>**

### **BaC-Up (Bereaved and Carer's Group)**

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday April 29<sup>th</sup>** at 2.30 pm. We meet on the last Tuesday of the month. All carers, present and past, and those bereaved at any time welcome. Join us for chat, coffee/tea & cake!

### **An opportunity in the village we could be supporting as an Eco & inclusive Church**

Chadsgrove Cosy Cafe is every Tuesday & Wednesday at the village hall 10.30 - 12. On Tuesday 6th May - they have a sign along session, helpful for those who use Makaton to aid communication.

### **Busy Bees**

This is a fortnightly informal group sharing ideas & encouragement on a wide range of craft projects. All are welcome. Next meeting will be at 10.30-12 on **May 1<sup>st</sup>** in the church

### **ECO church information & top tips**

UK Butterflies are currently in decline. To support their conservation, try leaving a part of your garden wild. Uncut grass, brambles, nettles & dandelions are all wonderful spaces for butterfly to lay their eggs and to inhabit.

### **Rendezvous**

The next event will be Steve Cowperthwaite talking about "Artrix & The Arts" on **May 8<sup>th</sup>**. All welcome at 10 a.m. for coffee.

### **Dates of Coach Trips 2025**

**31<sup>st</sup> May** – Weston super Mare

**13<sup>th</sup> September** – Cardiff

**25<sup>th</sup> October** – Cotswolds

### **Other dates for your diary**

There'll be a cream tea on **Sat. 28th June** at Church from 2 - 4pm. More details later

### **Dave & Di's garden opening dates**

Dave & Di's garden will be open again for the National Garden Scheme on **Sun May 18<sup>th</sup>** and **Mon May 26<sup>th</sup>** from 1.30 pm to 5 pm. £4 admission and refreshments available.

### **Gladys, Sue & Dave's Big Birthday Bash!**

The final total raised for the Basement Project from this event was a wonderful £1,200. Thank you so much for all who attended, all who contributed and those that made donations after the event.

### **Coffee Shop News**

We really appreciate the support we get from you and thanks to this we donated over £4000 to various charities in 2024. THANK YOU. There is a list on the hatch doors showing which charities were donated to. If you have a charity you would like us to support, please let one of the committee know. Our next fundraiser will be for Christian Aid on **Sat. May 17th** – see below for details.

From the Coffee Shop Committee

### **Christian Aid coffee morning**

Join us for our Christian Aid coffee morning with an Eco Flavour on **Sat 17th May** from 10a.m. until 2p.m. It will include teacakes, Meat Free cooking demonstrations, a taster lunch, plant sale & seed swap! Everyone welcome.

### **Website Gallery & Archives**

Have you ever looked at the photos and information on our Gallery & Archive pages on the website? They are well worth looking at! On the Gallery page you will find photos of major events from 2023 to Easter 2025. <https://www.catshillmethodists.org.uk/gallery>

On the Archive page there are pictures going back to the 1950's and links to pages about 150 years of Methodism in Catshill (1981); the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the current building (2018); pictures of the youth groups from 1975-1990 and a page dedicated to memories from Sheila Collins. <https://www.catshillmethodists.org.uk/archives>

### **Worship Dates for your Diary**

**Sunday 11th May - Communion service with Mission Praise Band led by Rev Steve Levett**

**Sunday 18th May - Café style church led by James Knott**

**Sunday 25th May - Local Arrangement (Ian Jones will lead an eco-themed service with some of the eco team).**

### **OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS**

#### **Peckwood Bluebell - Walk Cream Teas 2025**

Volunteers are needed to help serve cream teas at the above event on Bank Holiday **Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>** between 12 and 3 pm. It is hoped that if enough people volunteer then it should only mean serving on a rota for 30 minutes! More details from Jackie Russell ([jim\\_russell@btinternet.com](mailto:jim_russell@btinternet.com)) or Ruth Wilson ([ruth.wilson@methodist.org.uk](mailto:ruth.wilson@methodist.org.uk))

### **Singing Together for Worship Together...**

...on Trinity **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June** at 3.30 p.m. at Emmanuel Church Centre, Redditch. There will be rehearsals for this event, organised by Churches Together in Redditch, in May and June. All singers welcome from across the circuit. More details and dates of rehearsals on the attached poster (*email copies only*).

### **Ukulele event at Emmanuel**

Usual Suspects, a lively ukulele band, will be playing at Emmanuel Church on **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Details on the attached (*email copies only*) and tickets should be acquired by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Peckwood Forest Activities**

<https://www.facebook.com/Peckwood-Forest-Space-107329065639646>

### **Live streamed services from Studley**

<https://www.youtube.com/@studleymethodistchurch/streams>

### **Circuit events during the summer**

There are a number of circuit events planned – details on the attached poster and Word document (*email copies only but also here*: [https://www.brmethodists.co.uk/circuit\\_event/s/circuit-summer-events/](https://www.brmethodists.co.uk/circuit_event/s/circuit-summer-events/))

## **OTHER NEWS & EVENTS**

### **A prayer for peace in the world**

Peace is a rose.

So lovely, so delicate, so fragrant,  
so easily crushed.

Holy God, let peace flower in our damaged world.

In parched places, let peace take root,  
in broken places, let peace send forth strong shoots,

in barren places, let peace bud and bloom,  
that all may see her beauty,

feel her softness,

be overcome by her gentle perfume,  
and tend her. Amen.

*Sally Jones, presbyter, South Warwickshire Circuit*

**Notices and News to Dave Morgan at [meandi@btinternet.com](mailto:meandi@btinternet.com) by 5 p.m. on Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup> please**

*If you are reading a printed copy of this and would like it on email please let Dave know.*

**These notices are also available here:**

<https://www.catshillmethodists.org.uk/notices>