



# Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God  
Welcome Everyone  
Serve the Community**

Newsletter :September 26<sup>th</sup>–October 10<sup>th</sup> 2024

## OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

### WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September - Café style church led by Deacon Janet Thomas**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Worship - a local arrangement led by Lindsay & Helen on the theme of World Homelessness Sunday**

Worship plans also available here:  
<https://www.catshillmethodists.org.uk/worship>

### Christmas experience meeting

The next Christmas Experience Meeting will be on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November** at 3pm.

### Eco Church meeting

The next Eco church meeting will be on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November** at 9.30am.

### Rendezvous

The next meeting is **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** when the subject will be Balance Exercises led by Hayley. All welcome at 10 am for coffee.

### Wednesday Aaradhana Group

The Aaradhana group will meet at 7:30pm on **16<sup>th</sup> October**. Then **November 20<sup>th</sup> & January 15<sup>th</sup>**. All welcome to join this group for Christian fellowship, conversation, Bible study and more.

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

The next meeting of this group will be on **Tuesday October 29<sup>th</sup>** at 2.30 pm. The subject for this meeting will be "Food likes and dislikes"! The group meets 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!

### 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. Next meeting **Tuesday October 1<sup>st</sup>**.

### Busy Bees

This is an informal group sharing ideas & encouragement on a wide range of craft projects. All are welcome. Next meeting will be at 10.30-12.30 on **October 10<sup>th</sup>** in the church and then fortnightly.

### Foundation Safeguarding Training Course

There are 2 courses booked in our circuit – Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> October at St Andrews 10am-1pm & Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> November at our church 1- 4pm. Please speak to Jackie Hooper regarding your safeguarding training.

### Did you get it right?

When I sent out the last notices by email I asked the question "what was different?" The answer was that I had to reduce the type face to get everything onto 2 sides of 1 sheet of A4 as if it drifts onto a 3<sup>rd</sup> page it doubles the amount of paper used. So a plea - when sending me notices PLEASE keep them brief! Thanks.

### ECO church information & top tips

We have enough clothes on this planet to dress the next 6 generations. Let's make under-consumption our new value. Buy less and use what we already have 🍀

### Coach Trips

The planned coach trips for 2024 are:  
**9<sup>th</sup> Nov: Cheltenham £20 – leaves 9.30 am** (Names to Tricia or committee member).

### Dates for your diary

Quiz night on **Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> October** 6 pm at Church. Bring your own food.

There will be a Kurling evening on **Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025**.

### Coffee shop planned events

Macmillan Coffee Morning **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September** – there will be a bring and buy stall – could donations be of good quality please (but not necessarily brand new!) Donations of cakes greatly appreciated

but remember to fill in an ingredient form obtained from coffee shop)

Choir Concert - **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 10.30 a.m.** with both the Men's and the Church Choir. Free admission – donations accepted to be split between church funds and our church project for the year – Zambuko ra Jehova which finances the advancement of education and relief of poverty/hardship among children/young people in Zimbabwe, particularly those orphaned through AIDS/HIV

Strings orchestra concert - **October 26<sup>th</sup>.**

Children in Need - **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Performance from the Platform Players (schoolchildren playing music) **Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> 11.30-12.30.**

Christmas Music with the Strings Orchestra **Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> 11am to midday**

Carols around the Piano/Christmas Jumper Day - **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

### **More Dates for your Diary**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October - Morning Worship led by Graeme Russell**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Festival Service with Communion led by Rev Latika Singh and the Mission Praise band.**

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

#### **Circuit Service**

There will be a Circuit service on **Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup> 6pm** at Emmanuel church Redditch. Led by Rev. Ruth Wilson with communion looking at how well do we know our circuit.

#### **Circuit Changes**

There are changes in our circuit staffing from September 2024 - please speak to a steward or member of church council if you want to read the briefing document.

#### **Peckwood Forest Activities**

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

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

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

## **DISTRICT & THE WIDER COMMUNITY**

### **Job vacancy in Herefordshire Circuit**

There is a job vacancy for a Church and Circuit Administrator in the Herefordshire circuit. Details attached (*email copies only*)

### **Training re Refugee Support**

A course entitled "Could you befriend a refugee" is being held in Birmingham. Details attached (*email copies only*)

### **PRAYER FOR TODAY**

*A prayer that God's message dwell within us*

Loving God,  
May all that we learn  
from you and alongside one another,  
challenge and transform our thoughts, words  
and deeds.

May your message dwell richly in our hearts.  
May it be treasured.  
May it pour out from us in expressions of  
praise, proclamation and protest.

Help us to listen to all who have been  
marginalised  
to hear what cannot be spoken.

Prepare us for the times when your message  
will pierce and break our hearts.  
Change us as we join in your work as your  
body here on earth.  
In the name of the One who came as  
Teacher, Justice Seeker and Defender of the  
Oppressed. Amen.

*Julie Coates, Deputy District Chair, Sheffield District*

**Notices and News to Dave Morgan at [meandi@btinternet.com](mailto:meandi@btinternet.com) by 5 p.m. on Thursday October 10<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>