



Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God
Welcome Everyone
Serve the Community**

Newsletter: May 7th – May 21st 2026

OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

Sunday 10th May - Morning Worship led by Rev Ruth Fry with the Mission Praise band

Sunday 17th May - A "Local Arrangement" (*see below)

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

*Local Arrangement (Sunday 17th May)

The above service will be led by our 4 training worship leaders & James. The theme is "What is God calling us to do". It is also café church. All welcome.

Easter Offering

The MWIB Easter offering service will be held on **Sunday 10th May** at 4pm at Crabbs Cross Methodist Church (see attached poster – email copies only). Everyone welcome.

Rendezvous

At the next meeting, on **Thursday May 21st** David Bayliss will be giving Financial Advice on such subjects as Wills, Power of Attorney, Equity Release etc. All welcome at 10am for coffee.

Annual Church Meeting (ACM)

Our ACM this year is scheduled for 7.30 pm on **Wednesday May 20th** in the church.

Christian Aid coffee morning

You are warmly invited to the above on **Sat. 16th May from 10am until noon** to support the work of Christian Aid. Come and join us for coffee or tea and a toasted tea cake. As usual we'll have plants for sale (donations of plants welcomed) and a bring and buy stall. If you can help in any way or need more information please contact Angela Jones. Good quality items needed for the bric a brac stall! Please support this very worthwhile cause.

Hazel Masters retiring collection

The family of Hazel Masters would like to thank everyone who both attended their Mom's thanksgiving service and gave to the retiring collection for the Basement Project in memory of Hazel. £130 was collected and handed over to the Basement. Thank you.

BaC-Up (Bereaved and Carer's Group)

The next BaC-Up meeting will be at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 26th May. We will be discussing "Earliest memories from childhood". All carers, present and past, and anyone bereaved at any time welcome. Join us for chat, coffee/tea & cake

Other coffee shop events

Saturday 27th June. Platform players will be joining us again. Please come and support these young musicians as they get used to performing in public.

Saturday 4th July. Bromsgrove Strings will be joining us for their summer concert. This is always a very enjoyable morning and we look forward to welcoming you..

Eco tip:

Did you know that by using a reusable drinks bottle rather than buying single use water bottle each day - not only are you less likely to absorb micro plastics when you drink but you'd also be stopping 156 plastic bottles ending up in our oceans? There's a thought!

Dates for 2026 coach trips (with prices)

30th May – Ross-on-Wye & Monmouth £23
12th September - Windsor £35
31st October - Bridgnorth and Ludlow £20

Coach trip to Leamington Spa (June 4th)

If anyone would like a trip to Leamington Spa on Thursday 4th June, Rendezvous have a few seats left on the coach. Price £20. Please see Tricia or Brenda if interested.

Event Dates for your diary

27th June – Cream teas in church
14th November – Quiz (with hot dog lunch)
12th December – Film afternoon after coffee shop. More details later.

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 10.30-12 on **May 14th** in the porch.

Di & Dave's garden opening(s)

Dave & Di's garden (at 504 Birmingham Road, Marlbrook) will be open for the

National Garden Scheme to raise money for charities like Marie Curie, Macmillan's etc specifically for church and circuit members & friends –on **Saturday May 16th & Sunday May 17th** from 2 to 5 pm each day. Entry is £4, children free. Optional tea/coffee & cake an extra £4. No need to book – just come. Please try and walk if possible (e.g. park at the church or in the old A38) as there is minimal parking. If you can't make that why not get a few friends together and book a private visit – minimum 6 adults. Book a date with Dave/Di.

...and some church garden info...

Please help yourselves to parsley, lettuces etc from the planters to the left of the church. Also we will be having a garden clean up morning on **Wednesday 20th May** at 9.30am for a few hours. Please bring your own trowel, secateurs etc and come along to help.

Worship Dates for your Diary

Sunday 24th May - Communion Service led by Rev Ruth Fry

Sunday 31st May - Morning Worship led by Deacon Janet Thomas

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Rev Ruth Wilson's farewell service

Rev Ruth Wilson retires on August 31st and her farewell service is planned for **Sunday 28th June** at 4 pm at The Bridge Church, Redditch. All are invited to join in giving thanks for her ministry and then stay for refreshments after (see attached poster – email copies only)

Peckwood Forest Activities

Next "Wandering and Wondering" at Peckwood is on Thursday May 21st at 11 am. More information about Peckwood activities: <https://www.facebook.com/Peckwood-Forest-Space-107329065639646>

A prayer for peace and justice

Come as a dove flying
over still waters of hope,
putting peace into the hearts of people
who would wage war.

Come to the captives and the refugees.
Comfort all people who wait for freedom
and all people who wait for them to be free.

Come as the sound of silence
to hear the cries of people whose lives
are limited by gender-based violence
and domination. Stir up the hearts
of all who abuse their power and privilege.

Come as flames of justice
to a world where children are hungry;
a world ripped apart by untruths and greed.

Come as water cascading down a mountain
washing away the inequities of wealth and
poverty.

Come change the story.

Come Holy Spirit, come now. Amen.

*Penny McCulloch, worship leader, Balsall
Common Methodist Church, West Midlands*

**Notices and News to Dave Morgan at
meandi@btinternet.com by 5 p.m. on
Thursday May 21st 2026 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>