



Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God
Welcome Everyone
Serve the Community**

Newsletter – August 1st – 15th 2024

OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

**Sunday 4th August - Communion Service
led by Rev Brian Mason**

**Sunday 11th August - Morning Worship
led by Ian Athey**

Worship plans also available here:

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

Mrs. Pat Eley

The funeral of Pat Eley will be held on **Wednesday August 21st** at 10 a.m. at Waseley Hills Crematorium, then at Catshill at 11.15am for a celebration of her life (with refreshments afterwards).

Prayer Vigil

There will be a prayer vigil in our church on Friday August 2nd from 1 pm until 6 pm. The theme of the Prayer vigil is: "Eternal God is our Dwelling place of which Jesus is the corner Stone" with prayers for our Church and Community. There will be stations, gentle music and Bibles for reading with some suggested passages. Suggested focused and quiet prayer topics are:

- Praise God give glory and thanks to God
- Mission and Evangelism through your church.
- Ministry and Discipleship.
- Spiritual growth, renewal and Church growth.
- Healing and restoration.
- Outreach.

If people feel comfortable to just say the Lord's Prayer that is also fine.

All are welcome to come and go as suits them. This is an opportunity to be still in the presence of God and seek His will & voice for our Church and community.

Christmas Experience

The next meeting for those interested in helping with the Christmas Experience, planned for Dec. 1st to the 4th, will be on **Sunday 15th Sept.** at 3pm in the porch.

Wednesday Aaradhana Group

The Aaradhana group will meet in the manse, at 7:30pm on **14th August** & 18th Sept. All welcome to join in this midweek 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 September 24th** at 2.30 pm (there is no meeting in August). 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 will restart in September.

Rendezvous

The next meeting is **September 5th** when Terry Green will talk about Hedgehogs (there are no meetings in August). All welcome at 10 am for coffee.

Busy Bees

Busy Bees 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 **August 15th** in the church and then fortnightly.

ECO church information & top tips

As the weather is heating up, a simple zero waste swap is to say yes to a cone at the ice cream van rather than a cup and spoon.

Coach Trips

The planned coach trips for 2024 are:
14th Sept: Cambridge– leaves 9 am (full)
9th Nov: Cheltenham £20 – leaves 9.30 am
Names to Tricia or committee member).

Dates for your diary

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

There will be a Kurling evening on **Saturday, 11th January 2025**. Further details later.

Coffee shop planned events

Macmillan Coffee Morning **Friday 27th September**

Choir Concert - **Saturday 28th Sept.** with both the Men's and the general choir

Strings orchestra concert - **October 26th**.

Children in Need - **Friday 15th November**

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

Christmas Music with the Strings Orchestra **Saturday December 14th** 11am to midday

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

More Dates for your Diary

Sunday 18th August - Morning Worship led by Rev Latika Singh with summer BBQ
Please note *worship will start at the later time of 11am. A sign up sheet is in the porch. You don't need to contribute, you can just come along and enjoy worship outside with a hot dog/burger (or veggie alternative) and pudding afterwards.*

Sunday 25th August - Morning Worship led by John Webb

OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS

Rev Peter Powers Farewell Service

There is a farewell service for Rev Peter Powers at Bromsgrove on **Sunday 11th August** at 4 pm, there will be refreshments afterwards along with cake. Please come and give Rev Peter Powers a huge thank you for all that he has brought to the Circuit over the past year and to bless him as he moves onto his next posting.

Peckwood Festival August 3rd (2 – 8 pm)

See attached (*to email copies only*) for details of the above event.

Peckwood Forest Activities

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

Live streamed services from Studley

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

OUR DISTRICT & OTHER NEWS

3 Generate Newsletter

The latest newsletter about this year's 3 generate event is attached (*to email copies only*).

PRAYER FOR TODAY

As we go out into the world this week, Lord God, we will meet all sorts of situations, many different people, and face many new opportunities, some of which we will welcome and some we will find difficult. But what we can be absolutely certain of, Lord, is that we don't go alone, because you are with us at all times and in all places, and we can trust your Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us. So we ask that, whatever circumstances we find ourselves in, you will enable us to speak and react in ways that display your love, that our words and actions will bring hope and help and encouragement and in some small way draw others closer to you. And as each day draws to its close, may we find rest in your presence, knowing that we have used the time you have given us well. Amen

Liz Stuart (a Layworker in the Manchester Methodist Circuit).

Notices and News to Dave Morgan at meandi@btinternet.com by 5 p.m. on Thursday August 15th please

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