

Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God
Welcome Everyone
Serve the Community**

Newsletter – June 6th – 20th 2024

OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

**Sunday 9th June - Communion Service
led by Rev Latika Singh**

**Sunday 16th June - Morning Worship led
by James Knott (was Rev Anne Smith)**

Worship plans also available here:

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

Mr. Jim Smith

We were saddened to learn about the sad but peaceful passing of Jim, a great and faithful local preacher and a wonderful man of God. He now rests in glory with his Saviour. Jim's funeral is on Friday 14th June 2024 11:30 at our church and then Waseley Crematorium at 1 pm.

COFFEE SHOP CLOSED

The coffee shop will be closed on Friday 14th to allow for the above.

Christmas Experience

After last year's wonderful 3 days where we told the story of the first Christmas to many local children, we're doing it again this year. Our Christmas Experience will start with morning worship on Sunday 1st December and then we will welcome schools on Monday 2nd to Wednesday 4th December. We need volunteers to be story tellers, guides and tea makers. If you're interested our first getting involved meeting is **Sunday 7th July** at 3pm.

Friday Night event CANCELLED

Please note that the event planned for **28th June** has been cancelled.

Wednesday Aaradhana Group

The Aaradhana group will meet in the manse, monthly, at 7:30pm on 12th June, 17th July, 14th August & 18th September. 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 June 25th** at 2.30 pm. The group meets on the last Tuesday of the month. Join us for chat, coffee/tea & cake!

Rendezvous

The next meeting is on **Thursday June 13th**. All welcome at 10 am for coffee.

Rendezvous are arranging a coach trip to Stratford on **Thursday 27th June**. Cost is £20. See Tricia, Malcolm, Brenda or Chris.

Advance notice - Terry Green will be giving a talk about hedgehogs, on **Thursday 5th September**.

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 June 18th**.


Prayer Handbooks

If anyone would like a new Prayer Handbook for the coming year please let Dave know by June 21st – price is £4.15 (Supernumeraries and Local Preachers get a copy paid for by the Circuit).

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 **June 20th** in the church and then fortnightly.

ECO church information & top tips

When ants  dig tunnels, they help aerate the soil and distribute nutrients to the plants roots as well as providing foods for the birds. So unless they entering your home, leave those ants alone.

Coach Trips

The planned coach trips for 2024 are:

8th June: Weston – leaves car park @ 9.30

14th Sept: Cambridge £29 – leaves 9 am

9th Nov: Cheltenham £20 – leaves 9.30 am

(Names to Tricia or committee member).

Dates for your diary

Cream tea at Church on **Saturday 27th July** 2-4 pm. Tickets £4 (or £5 on the day).

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

Choir concert – advance notice

The Church choir and Men's choir will be hosting a short concert during coffee shop on **Saturday September 28th** from 11-12 noon. Entry is free but there will be a voluntary collection to be shared between church funds and "Zambuko Ra Jehovah" a church supported project caring for Zimbabwean orphaned children. Make a note of the date.

More Dates for your Diary

Sunday 23rd June - Morning Worship led by Di Ross

Sunday 30th June - Café Church Worship led by James Knott and the MP band

OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS

Craft Fair at Bromsgrove

Bromsgrove Church are hosting a Craft Fair on **Saturday 15th June** (poster attached to email copies only)

Peckwood Forest Activities

More details about Peckwood Forest Space can be found by clicking the link below, which also has all their planned dates for 2024.

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

Live streamed services from Studley

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

OUR DISTRICT NEWS & OTHER NEWS

Springs Dance Company Events

The Springs Dance Company are offering two fantastic but different performances available for churches to host. "**A Time to Mourn, A Time to Dance**" was created after the pandemic, and offers an opportunity to reflect on grief, human connection and joy. This uplifting show is available from September to October 2024. "**Journey of the Magi**" is our much-loved, family-friendly, festive frolic, made to bring laughter and cheer in the run up to Christmas. Now booking from 22nd November to 22nd December 2024. (see attached – on email copies only)

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Loving and compassionate God,
Help us to see hope in the most desperate situations.
Help us to uphold the value of others in our words and actions.
Help us to see the potential you see in each of your children.
Help us to know and to respond to your guiding hand in our lives. Amen.

Notices and News to Dave Morgan at meandi@btinternet.com by 5 p.m. on Thursday June 20th please

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

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