



Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God
Welcome Everyone
Serve the Community**

Newsletter: August 13th – August 27th 2026

OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

**Sunday 16th August - A "Local Arrangement"
led by Miriam & Lindsay**

**Sunday 23rd August - Communion Service
led by Rev Ruth Fry**

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

Flowers from Mary MacLeod

The money for flowers in church on Aug 23rd was from Mary MacLeod who worshipped with us in September to November last year and who wanted to show her gratitude for our kind welcome and concern and warm fellowship at what was a difficult time for her.

End of the Church Financial Year

The end of August is the end of the church financial year. Martin, our treasurer, would like to remind folks to let him have any expenses, special group collections or similar items promptly. Thank you

Baptism on October 4th at 3 pm (message from Dave)

My great niece, Alanya, has given birth to a baby girl, Milana and she has asked me to carry out the Baptism in our church, which I'm hoping to do with Rev Ruth on **Sunday 4th October at 3 pm**. We would like to invite members of the congregation to join us to support Alanya, Alex and their daughter, Milana, and the 2 families, in what we hope will be a wonderful celebration.

Rendezvous

The next meeting of Rendezvous is Dalziel Emis Poetry and Music on **Thursday August 27th**. All welcome at 10am for coffee.

BaC-Up (Bereaved and Carer's Group)

There is no BaC-Up meeting in August.

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 **August 20th** in the porch.

Eco tip

Blackberries are now appearing on our shrubs & brambles and there's something special about heading out for a walk and coming home with a tub full of fresh blackberries. How do you enjoy yours?

Eat them straight away after a quick wash in the sink?

❄ Freeze them for later?

🍷 Or turn them into delicious jams, or put them in crumbles?

Dates for 2026 coach trips (with prices)

12th September - Windsor £35

31st October - Bridgnorth and Ludlow £20

Event Dates for your diary

14th November – Quiz (with hot dog lunch)

12th December – Film afternoon after coffee shop. More details later.

Worship Dates for your diary

Sunday 30th August - Morning Worship led by Graeme Russell

Sunday 6th September - Morning Worship led by Dave Morgan

OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS

Edward's Trust- a thank you from Gladys

A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who supported me at my Open Door at Lickey End Methodist Church on Monday 20th July. An amazing amount of £627.50 was raised with your support. It was lovely to see so many people sat in the church having either morning coffee and toasted tea cake or afternoon tea and strawberry and cream scone. We were bursting at the seams at times! I really appreciated the help all day from George and Harry. The morning helpers - Margaret, Dawn and Carol. The afternoon helpers Sandra and Carol including putting the church back to normal! Bring & buy table was constantly in use and the few remaining items I took to the Salvation Army in Bromsgrove and they were very appreciative of it. So thank you all again. Gladys Hatton.

Welcome service for our new Superintendent

The welcome service for Rev Rachel Borgars will be on Tuesday 1st September at 7.30pm at Bromsgrove Methodist Church. All are welcome – come and meet our new "Super".

Peckwood Forest Space Activities

Peckwood monthly Forest Church gathering is **Sunday 23rd August**, at 4pm led by our very own Jess. Feel free to pass this on. More here: <https://www.facebook.com/Peckwood-Forest-Space-107329065639646>

"Finding joy even in life's challenging times"...

...is the title of a talk being given by Christian author & international speaker Kate Nicholas at Emmanuel Church on September 12th from 10 am to 3 pm, cost £10, to include lunch and refreshments throughout the day. The email from Emmanuel states, "We would like to invite any women from churches in the circuit and their friends and family open to hearing a testimony from author Kate Nicholas. It will be a lovely day of encouragement and fellowship." More details and tickets available by contacting Sharon (see attached for details (email copies only).

OTHER NEWS

Basement to close its food bank

The Basement Project has decided to close its food bank that we have supported for many years, due to the changing nature of the needs of their clients. Basically they have found that clients need more help in areas of housing, mental health and finances and less and less are accessing the food bank (the organisation recognise the ongoing need for food support but accept that this is more for the over 25s and families). The full letter explaining the logic is attached (email copies only) and also on the notice board.

Alcester Male Voice Choir

This is dangerous notice about the above seeking new members, that I wasn't sure whether to include or not, but as it came through Circuit Office I felt that I should. Why "dangerous"? Because they meet the same time as our church choirs (Wednesday nights) and we don't want any of our choir members leaving on a free transfer to Alcester!! ☺
Flyer attached (email copies only).

A PRAYER COMMENDING ALL TO GOD

We commend to you, O Lord, our waking and our sleeping, our going out and our coming in, our souls and our bodies, our words and our deeds, our life and our death, our household and our companions, our world and our neighbours.

Lancelot Andrewes (1555-1626)

Methodist Prayers for each day can be found at
<https://www.methodist.org.uk/faith/prayer-for-the-day/>

Notices and News to Dave Morgan at
meandi@btinternet.com by 5 p.m. on
Thursday August 27th 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>