



Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God
Welcome Everyone
Serve the Community**

Newsletter: January 30th – February 13th 2025

OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

Sunday 2nd February - Morning worship led by Di Ross with the Mission Praise band

Sunday 9th February - Local Arrangement led by Rev Anne Smith & Dave Morgan

Worship plans also available here:

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

Arnold Masters

A short funeral service for Arnold Masters will be held on **Thursday February 27th** at 12 noon at Waseley Hills Crem for relatives only. There will then be a service of thanksgiving at our church at 1 pm when all will be welcome. Refreshments afterwards.

Dennis Poyner

We are sorry to hear of the passing of Dennis Poyner over last weekend. Our thoughts and prayers go to Jean & the rest of his family.

Rendezvous

The next event is on **February 13th** when it will be the AGM and Dave Morgan will tell us "A funny thing happened to me on my way to retirement". All welcome at 10 for coffee.

Wednesday Aaradhana Group

The next Aaradhana group meetings will be at 7:30pm on **February 12th, March 12th & 19th, April 2nd & 16th**. All welcome to join this group for Christian fellowship, conversation, Bible study and more.

BaC-Up (Bereaved and Carer's Group)

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday Feb 25th** at 2.30 pm. We meet 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!

Our Easter Experience meeting...

...will be on **Sunday 9th Feb** at 3pm at church. If you would like to be involved as a guide or storyteller please come along. Jess

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. The next meeting will be on **February 4th**

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 **February 6th** in the church and then fortnightly.

ECO church information & top tips

To stop food ending up going to waste remember the difference between "Use by" and "Best before" dates. Use by: must be consumed before this date. Best before: can still be consumed after this date but just won't be at it's best.

Food for the Basement

At church council it was agreed that we should restart the monthly collection of food for the Basement (we used to do it monthly at communion services). This time we invite folks to bring one item when we have our café church services and put it in the box in the porch. The Basement are glad of anything but they always need UHT milk, tinned meat balls & Fray Bentos pies. Thank you.

Church clear out/tidy up

Thursday February 20th is the date for our church clear out and tidy up. We would welcome any help especially with taking items to charity shops or the tip or even just making hot drinks for those involved.

Gladys, Sue & Dave's Birthday Bash

Gladys, Sue and Dave all have birthdays towards the end of March (don't tell anyone but they are all 75!). They'll be celebrating on **Saturday 22nd March** at coffee shop with lots of cakes and all proceeds for The Basement. In addition to the cakes there will be a 'Name Game' and a Chocolate Tombola. Donations of all things chocolate, large or small, for prizes, will be most gratefully received before the day. Cake and chocolate..... what could be better! Thank you in anticipation.

Quiz afternoon

There will be a quiz afternoon **Saturday 8th Feb at 1.00 pm** in the church - quiz master Dave Morgan. £2 per person to include a meat/veggie hot dog plus tea/coffee. You don't need to be part of a team – just come along and we'll find you a team to join! More details from Malcolm or sign up in the porch.

Dates of Coach Trips 2025

31st May – Weston super Mare

13th September – Cardiff

25th October – Cotswolds

National Garden Scheme Worcestershire

There are some 2025 leaflets for the NGS in the county in the porch. Please help yourself.

Greeting Cards

Ian Athey has placed a box of cards that Chris had collected, in the porch. Please help yourself and perhaps put a small donation to church funds in the collection plate (or hand to coffee shop).

Worship Dates for your Diary

Sunday 16th February - Café style church with Communion led by Rev Latika Singh

Sunday 23rd February - Morning worship led by Deacon Gwynn Bamford & Jackie Hartrey

OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS

Peckwood Forest Activities

Two events at Peckwood Forest Church – Feb 2nd at 4 pm explore The Feast of St. Brigit
Feb 15th – spring cleaning – come anytime between 10.30 & 3 pm. More details attached (*email copies only*)

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

Live streamed services from Studley

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

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Share The World's Resources talk

Invitation to join an online talk by Share The World's Resources on **Wednesday 5th Feb.** More details attached (*email copies only*)

A PRAYER FOR OUR NEW "HUBS"

With limited ministerial resources our circuit has been divided into two "Hubs" – one called Alpha and the other Omega. We, at Catshill, are in the Alpha Hub, together with Alcester, Crabbs Cross, Lickey End and St Andrews, which will be led by Rev Latika

Singh and supported by Sally Meredith. This is our hub prayer:

Loving God,
eternal and infinite,
Alpha and Omega,
the beginning and the end,
the source of all life and love.

We ask your blessing on the Hubs,
and specifically we pray for ALPHA;
we pray for the churches by name.

Alcester
Catshill
Crabbs Cross
Lickey End
St Andrews

Grant us the grace not only to rejoice in the work of the church we call home, but also to see beyond our own walls, to recognise the unique gifts and ministries of each church.

May we watch over one another in love, share resources, offer encouragement, show mercy, and lift each other up in prayer.

May we learn from one another, growing in our understanding and deepening of our discipleship. We pray for opportunities to serve together, to reach out to our communities, demonstrating the power of your love and the strength of your Spirit.

May our unity not be a forced conformity, but a harmonious expression of your diverse body, each member contributing to the whole.

Loving Holy Trinity,
inspire, equip and empower us all.
We pray this in and through
the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN

There are some bookmarks with this prayer on in the porch area – please help yourself.

If you want to pray for the Omega Hub, replace the word Alpha with Omega, and the list of churches with The Bridge, Bromsgrove, Peckwood Forest Church, Rowney Green & Studley.

Notices and News to Dave Morgan at meandi@btinternet.com by 5 p.m. on Thursday February 13th 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>