



# Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God  
Welcome Everyone  
Serve the Community**

Newsletter – May 9<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024

## OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

### WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Morning Worship led  
by Rev Latika Singh**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May - Morning Worship led  
by James Knott**

Worship plans also available here:

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

### CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING

You are warmly invited to an event to support the work of Christian Aid on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May** from 10.00am till 12.00. Come and join us for coffee or tea and a toasted tea cake. There will also be a bring and buy and plant stall. If you can help or need more information please contact Angela Jones. Please come to help support this very worthwhile cause.

### Brainhouse School in Kenya

Over the last 14 years Gillian Leach has been working with this school in Kenya but it has recently been devastated by floods. She says, *"We've lost everything, except for lives. We are going to have to start again, first emergency funding, then rebuilding infrastructure and resources. We're going to need all the help we can get - every penny will count. I would welcome your support in sharing our need, making the ask as wide as possible and in making a small contribution. Thank you for your help. It is totally devastating and it is still raining so not easy to start any recovery and tidy up yet. The funding page is [www.justgiving/acef.com](http://www.justgiving/acef.com) "*

### Friday Night events

The next Friday night events will be on **17<sup>th</sup> May** for film night & **28<sup>th</sup> June** for Friday night in (more details to follow).

### New Flower Rota

The flower rota for June, July and August is now on the rota board in the porch. Any pre-requested dates have been included on the rota. Many thanks to those who provide flowers each week and to Di, Bren and Tricia for their help in arranging for those of us less able to do this! Thank you, Jan

### Wednesday Aaradhana Group

The Aaradhana group will meet in the manse, monthly, at 7:30pm on **15<sup>th</sup> May**, **12<sup>th</sup> June**, **17<sup>th</sup> July**, **14<sup>th</sup> August** & **18<sup>th</sup> 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 May 28<sup>th</sup>** 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 "The Story of Woolworths" with Peter Bates on **Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup>**. All welcome at 10 am for coffee.

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

### 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 May 21<sup>st</sup>**.

### 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 **May 23<sup>rd</sup>** in the church and then fortnightly.

## **ECO church information & top tips**

A lot of us will now be in our gardens much more and when it comes to weed killers, fertilisers and pest control, try to choose organic options. Chemicals damage soil health, pollute water sources and harm a whole host of wildlife, from birds, butterflies, hedgehogs and frogs. Try to make efforts to create a balanced ecosystem in your garden, offering food, shelter and plants that attract wildlife throughout the food chain.

## **Coach Trips**

The planned coach trips for 2024 are:

**8<sup>th</sup> June: Weston super Mare**

**14<sup>th</sup> Sept: Cambridge**

**9<sup>th</sup> Nov: Cheltenham**

Names to Tricia (or any committee member) asap for the first trip.

## **Di & Dave's garden opening**

Di and Dave's garden will be open again for the National Garden Scheme, raising money for charities such as McMillan's, Parkinson's, Marie Curie etc, on **Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>** and again on **Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>** from 1.30 to 5 pm. Admission £4, children free. The admission also gives access to David's garden next door! All welcome (sorry no dogs!)

## **Choir concert – advance notice**

The Church choir and Men's choir will be hosting a short concert during coffee shop on Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> from 11-12 noon. Make a note of the date - more details later.

## **More Dates for your Diary**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Communion Service led by Rev Anne Smith**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Morning Worship led by Sarah Leeson**

## **OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS**

### **Journeying Together event**

A Journeying Together – or Breakfast for our Journey - event is planned for **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May** at Studley. There will be breakfast provided and there's plenty of

free parking at Pool Road Car Park in Studley. If you intend going email Anne Batchelor at [ccwstudley@outlook.com](mailto:ccwstudley@outlook.com) so that she knows numbers for catering. *(More details attached to email copies)*

## **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 & EVENTS**

### **Methodist Women in Britain**

Next MWiB Spring Meetings:

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** – The Connexional Spring Garden Party to be held at the Rectory at Epworth.

Please contact Robert (07803597081) or Carole (07808071134) for further details and to reserve your seat – ALL are invited.

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **Black Country Urban Industrial Mission (BCUIM) vacancy**

The BCUIM has a vacancy for a Team Leader to work part time with the Executive Board driving forward the ministry of the BCUIM. Closing date May 29<sup>th</sup> *(see attached – on email copies only)*

### **PRAYER FOR TODAY**

Holy God, you are our greatest treasure, may we search you out in the darkness of our pain and in our light-filled joy, and in the everyday ordinariness of our lives. Eternal God, we seek clarity and reassurance in a bewilderingly complex world. Amen.

**Notices and News to Dave Morgan at [meandi@btinternet.com](mailto:meandi@btinternet.com) by 5 p.m. on Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup> please**

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

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