



Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God
Welcome Everyone
Serve the Community**

Newsletter: February 27th – March 13th 2025

OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

Sunday 2nd March - Morning worship led by Martin Tingle

Sunday 9th March - Morning worship with Annual Church Meeting led by Rev Latika Singh

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

Lent liturgy, study and cuppa with Deacon Janet and Jess.

Starting Monday 10th March, 11.30am until 12.30. A prayful time of discussions during Lent, using the Methodist Church resource "Soul Food". Mondays 10th March - 14th April (except April 7th). Everyone welcome 🙏.

What is Practical Discipleship?

On Feb 9th the service asked the question "What does Practical Discipleship mean?" The congregation's responses can be read on the News & Events page of our website:
<https://www.catshillmethodists.org.uk/news>

Rendezvous

The next event will be a Curling morning on **March 13th**. All welcome at 10 for coffee.

BaC-Up (Bereaved and Carer's Group)

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday March 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!

Food for the Basement

If you're attending café church we invite you to bring an item of food and put it in the box in the porch for the Basement, who are grateful for all donated food items. They are always in need of UHT milk, tinned meat balls & Fray Bentos pies. Thank you.

Wednesday Aaradhana Group

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

World Day of Prayer

World day of prayer will be held at Bromsgrove Baptist church New Road Bromsgrove at 10.30 on **Friday 7th March**. This year it features the Caribbean islands. There are participants in the service from all of the churches in the area. Everyone welcome. Refreshments will be served after the service.

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 **March 4th**

Giving to the church

Speak to Helen Blundell if you would like weekly envelopes for the collection plate (if you already use them see Helen for next year's envelopes) or to sign a gift aid form (if you pay tax). Also speak to Helen if you have signed a gift aid form and have changed your address or no longer pay tax. If you would like to give via standing order then please see Martin. Or you can just continue to give what you can in the weekly offertory. However you give, thank you for your support

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 at 10.30-12 on **March 6th** in the church.

ECO church information & top tips

Did you know our toilets, at Catshill Methodist, are twinned with a toilet in Zimbabwe. You can see our twinned toilet poster on our Eco Church notice board, next to the coffee shop hatch. 🌍👥

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.

Dates of Coach Trips 2025

31st May – Weston super Mare

13th September – Cardiff

25th October – Cotswolds

Worship Dates for your Diary

Sunday 16th March - Café style church with the Mission Praise Band led by James Knott

Sunday 23rd March - Morning worship led by Deacon Janet Thomas

OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS

Circuit Lent & Easter Services

A full list of circuit Lent & Easter services is on the attached poster (*email copies of notices only*). It is also on our website in the "Worship" section.

On Line Lent Study Group

"One Long Thursday into Friday: An exploration of the deep themes of the Thursday of Holy Week." There is so much that happens on the Thursday of Holy Week in terms of teaching, activities and events. And the different Gospel writers all explore it slightly differently. In addition, it is just one of the days of Holy week and we might simply pass it by in the rush from Palm Sunday to Easter Day. This lent group provides the opportunity to dwell in this day and give the themes of Thursday due consideration.

When?: 7.30 - 8.45pm on 5 Thursday evenings from 13th March to 10th April.

Where?: Online, via Zoom. The group is offered as a means for those unable to join a physically gathered group during lent to have an online opportunity to do so.

Who?: Rev Stephen Levett will host the group and provide the primary and initial study input. From then on all group attendees who choose to will be encouraged to share in the ensuing conversation. The people of the Bromsgrove & Redditch Circuit, and anyone they care to personally invite, are welcome to be part of the group.

To indicate your interest and to receive the Zoom meeting log-in details please email revlev66@gmail.com.

Lent Prayer Course at St. Andrews

This course will be on Thursday afternoons at 3 pm, for 8 weeks starting March 6th (not April 17th or May 1st) and covering a variety of aspects of prayer. See the attached poster (*email copies only*). All welcome.

Singing Together for Worship Together...

...on Trinity Sunday 15th June at 3.30 p.m. at Emmanuel Church Centre, Redditch. There will be rehearsals for this event, organised by Churches Together in Redditch, in May and June and a taster session on March 8th. All singers welcome from across the circuit. More details and dates of rehearsals on the attached poster (*email copies only*).

Soul Food Lent resources now available...

.. to download from the Methodist Church. Resources include a worship resource pack with readings, hymn and song suggestions, and lots of flexible ideas for creating engaging services through Lent; printable journal pages and craft templates for individual use throughout Lent; posters enabling people to sign up to spiritually to the Soul Food nourishing daily emails and digital assets to use on social media and websites. See attached (*email copies only*).

Peckwood Forest Activities

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

Live streamed services from Studley

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

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Young Adult Pilgrimage of Peace 2025 - South Korea

There is an opportunity for 18-35 year olds to apply for a fully funded place to join the World Methodist Council to visit South Korea for a Pilgrimage of Peace this summer. The deadline to apply is March 14th. If interested in applying, email Vicky in the Global Relationships Team by Thursday 6th March to arrange an initial conversation at roylev@methodistchurch.org.uk

A SHORT PRAYER

Sometimes a short prayer says everything needed – and this one, from El Salvador, but source untraced, is no exception:

Give us a new heart, O God, free enough to live by faith, brave enough to endure in hope and generous enough to love without limit.

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