



Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God
Welcome Everyone
Serve the Community**

Newsletter: September 18th – October 2nd 2025

OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

**Sunday 21st September - Local Arrangement
led by Ian Jones.**

**Sunday 28th September - Harvest Festival
Service led by Rev Ruth Fry (see below)**

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

Harvest

Our Harvest service is at 10.30 am on **28th September**. If you would like to help decorate the church for Harvest festival, we will be doing this between 10am and midday on Saturday **27th September**. All very welcome to both events.

ECO Scarecrow and Scarecrow Trail!

Our Eco team will be installing our own Eco Scarecrow on Friday 26th. Do join in the scarecrow trail that will be happening all week long in Catshill.

Men's Group

The 1st meeting of the reconstructed "Men's group" will be on **Wednesday October 8th** at 7.30 pm. We'll meet at the Crown in Catshill for a drink, chat and to plan some events over the next few months. If you haven't had an email from Dave about it then it either means he's got it wrong (quite possible) or he didn't have you on the list of those interested – in which case please contact him or just come along on the 8th.

Rendezvous

The next meeting is on **Thursday September 25th**, when Caroline Butcher will talk about "The History of Hats" commencing at 10 am for coffee. All welcome.

Date of last Coach Trip in 2025

25th October – Cotswolds

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 **September 23rd**.

BaC-Up (Bereaved and Carer's Group)

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 30th Sept** at 2.30 pm. All carers, present and past, and anyone bereaved at any time welcome. Join us for chat, coffee/tea & cake.

ECO church information & top tips*

Did you know that every tonne of paper we recycle saves 17 trees?

And don't forget the September challenge – to pick up 3 pieces of litter every day.

**Many of the previous ECO tips are now on our website. Click on the tab on the home page to see them.*

Coffee shop (incl MacMillan Coffee Morning)

Our next big fundraiser will be the Macmillan Big Coffee Morning. This will take place on **Friday 26th Sept** and will include cakes, and a bric-a-brac table (if you have any good quality bric-a-brac please donate it beforehand). As it is term time, we will be open from 9am until 12noon. Any donations of cakes will be very much appreciated. We would love you to join us for a drink and chat in a very friendly atmosphere.

Coffee shop December dates for your diary!

Dec 6th: Bromsgrove Strings Christmas Concert
Dec 13th: Carols round the piano

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 **October 2nd** in the porch

Light Party

We will be having a Light party holiday club on Monday 27th October, 2-3pm for children with additional needs & 3-5pm for all other children. We will have lights, music and party food. To book a space please contact Sally Meredith on 07884 191101.

Worship Dates for your Diary

Sunday 5th October - Morning worship led by Deacon Janet Thomas

Sunday 12th October - Communion service led by Rev Steve Levett with the Mission Praise band

Food for the Basement

We continue to collect food for the Basement at café church services, especially tinned meat balls & Fray Bentos pies.

OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS

Welcome the Autumn Equinox at Peckwood

Jess and Anne Batchelor will be leading the forest church gathering at Peckwood Forest Space on **Sunday 21st September** at 5pm. They will be welcoming in the Autumn Equinox, do join them for a time of worship outside

A circuit based request

Attached (*email copies only*) is a poster from the housekeeper at Emmanuel asking for donations of unwanted Christmas trees & decorations (cut off Sunday 16th Nov).

Peckwood Forest Activities

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

OTHER METHODIST NEWS & EVENTS

Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB)

Attached (*email copies only*) are the following from MWiB:

1. Prayer Diary for Sept to Nov in Word and PDF formats;
2. Autumn Newsletter;
3. Details of the position of World Federation Area Vice President 2026-2031
4. Details of a scholarship with the World Federation of Methodist Church Women

PRAYER WORDS FROM A HYMN

Singing the Faith No. 518 (verses 1 & 4)

Father, hear the prayer we offer:
not for ease that prayer shall be,
but for strength that we may ever
live our lives courageously.

Be our strength in hours of weakness,
in our wanderings be our guide;
through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be there at our side.

(Love Maria Willis (1824–1908))

**Notices and News to Dave Morgan at
meandi@btinternet.com by 5 p.m. on
Thursday October 2nd 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>