



Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God
Welcome Everyone
Serve the Community**

Newsletter: November 13th – 27th 2025

OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

**Sunday 16th November – ~~Café style church~~
Communion Service led by Rev Ruth Fry***

**Sunday 30th November - Local Arrangement
- Café style church - led by the Mission Praise
band (1st Sunday in Advent) – see below**

**Please note there is no morning worship on
Sunday 23rd - instead there will be an Alpha
Hub service at Lickey End at 10.30**

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

***Sunday November 16th service**

This service, which includes welcoming 2 new members, will now also include Communion but is not café style as originally planned.

Sunday November 30th service

The service on the 30th, as the first Sunday of Advent, will be a celebration of 20th century hymn writers and their contributions to our Advent hymns and songs – so lots of singing!

Christmas morning service – change of time!

The service on Christmas Morning will now start at 11am, and not at 10.30, as in the plan, to allow Rev Ruth to join us and participate in leading worship with Dave Morgan.

Coffee Shop event for Children in Need

Our Coffee Shop's fundraiser for Children in Need will be on Friday 14th November 10am until 12 noon. There will be coffee, teas, a selection of delicious cakes and a Bring and Buy stall. Please do join us for this very worthwhile event.

Men's Group

The next meeting of the "Men's group" will be on **Friday Nov 21st 1-3pm** in the church and will be "Art for beginners". If you would like more information please speak to Dave.

New Year study sessions with Rev Ruth

In the New Year Rev Ruth Fry will be leading a study session on Monday evenings starting on **5th January** at 7pm for 6 weeks. All welcome.

Christmas Experience

Everyone is invited to come to our Open Christmas Experience session on **Sunday 30th November** at 4pm. Come along and see the whole experience for yourself. Meet Mary, The inn keeper, Shepherds and Wisemen and hear their stories at this interactive experience

Christingles

A box will be available in the porch from this Sunday, for donations of soft sweets & raisins ready for Christingle. We will be making the Christingles on **Tuesday 23rd December** at **9.30am**. Please do come along to help.

Shoebboxes

Thank you very much to the kind friends who took Teams4U shoeboxes to fill for the very needy children and homes. I/we really appreciate your support. Will anyone who still has a box please return it to church by 30th November, if you can't get it to church please let me know and I will endeavour to collect it from you as soon as you are ready to pass it on. Many thanks, Gladys Hatton.

Rendezvous

The next meeting is on **Thursday November 20th** when Di Morgan will be explaining how to make Christmas decorations, starting at 10 am for coffee. All welcome.

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 **November 18th**.

BaC-Up (Bereaved and Carer's Group)

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 25th Nov** 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

Clear out for a cause! 🏠 Charity shops need your Christmas donations NOW to make sure they have enough stock for early festive shoppers. 🌲 By donating your pre-loved decorations, nearly new gifts, and festive clothes early, you give them the best chance to sell and raise vital funds. Also January is a great time to donate leftover Christmas items for shoppers looking for next year's ❤️

Coffee shop December dates for your diary!

Dec 6th: Bromsgrove Strings Christmas Concert

Dec 13th: Carols round the piano - our annual Christmas Jumper Day and Carols Round the Piano is on Dec 13th 10am – midday.

Christmas jumpers are optional. Wear something else Christmassy if you want - be creative! We guarantee good company, Christmas carols, drinks, games and mince-pies in abundance! All proceeds will go to Save the Children. Please come along and join us for this always- enjoyable morning.

Dates for 2026 events & coach trips

Events:

10th January – Curling Evening 6.00pm with Chilli and Jacket Potato £5

Coach Trips:

30th May –Ross-on-Wye & Monmouth

12th September - Windsor

31st October - Bridgnorth and Ludlow

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 **Nov. 27th** in the porch.

Worship Dates for your Diary

Sunday 7th December - Annual Toy Service
led by Rev Ruth Fry

Sunday 14th December - Morning worship led
by James Knott with the Mission Praise band

Christmas Worship Dates for your Diary

Sunday 21st December at 6 pm - Candlelight
Carol Service led by Rev Ruth Fry

Wednesday 24th December at 4 pm
(Christmas Eve) - Christingle Service led by
Rev Ruth Fry

Thursday 25th December at 11 am (Christmas
Day) - Christmas Morning Service led by Rev
Ruth Fry and Dave Morgan

OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS

Memorial Service at Bromsgrove

On **Sunday 23 Nov.** there will be a Memorial Service at Bromsgrove Methodist Church at 3pm. If you have lost someone this year, or at any time, or if this year has been difficult for you in any way, please join us for this short, reflective service. As in previous years, we will light candles of remembrance and hope and stars will be available for messages which will be used to decorate our Christmas tree. This service is open to all, whether you attend church or not, feel free to invite friends who might find this service helpful.

Worship Leadership information

On **26th Nov** from 7-9pm at St. Andrew's Methodist Church, Redditch there will be an opportunity for anyone interested in training to be a Worship Leader in their church to find out more about what this involves, with a view to setting up a training group in 2026 (*see attached – email copies only*)

Alpha Hub service at Lickey End on 23rd Nov.

The theme for this service (10.30am) will be walking together in the way of Jesus and sharing our resources. Each hymn has been chosen by a different Hub church to reflect their vision and values. All welcome to this intergenerational Hub service. Please share cars where possible as parking at the chapel is limited but we have permission to use the Lickey End Social Club car park, (100 yards or so from the chapel). This is an opportunity to gather together as a Hub to worship God for the first time this Connexional year.

Two Circuit Advent study opportunities

Deacon Janet Thomas will be running an Advent bible study on December 4th, 11th & 18th at 11am for an hour at Bromsgrove Methodist Church. All encouraged to attend. Alternatively Rev Stephen Levett is also doing a zoom session on 3rd December at 7-9pm. Please email Steve if you would like the link.

Circuit services

We'll be holding an evening Circuit Service on Sunday 22nd February 6pm at Bromsgrove. The focus will be Celebrating Service. More details to follow.

OTHER NOTICES

Vacancy @ The Greenhouse (Barnes Close)...

...as a Volunteer Co-ordinator (20 hrs/wk) – *see attached (email copies only)*

PRAYER FOR TODAY

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)

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