



Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God
Welcome Everyone
Serve the Community**

Newsletter: June 26th – July 10th 2025

OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

Sunday 29th June - Communion service led by Rev Steve Levett

Sunday 6th July - **NO MORNING SERVICE AT CATSHILL - Alpha Hub joint service at Crabbs Cross Church (see separate notice)**

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

Hub service on Sunday 6th July

Our 1st Hub service is on **Sunday 6th July** at 10.30am at Crabbs Cross. Alpha hub churches (Catshill, Crabbs Cross, Alcester, Lickey End & St Andrews) will be worshipping together there. Latika will lead and it will be communion. If you would like a lift from our church please let one of the stewards know.

Please note: Crabbs Cross has limited parking so please consider parking in the car park on Evesham Road opposite the chip shop and walk to the church.

Latika's farewell service

Everyone is invited to Latika's farewell service on **Sunday 27th July** at 4pm at our church (a circuit service). We will be celebrating Latika's 6 years of ministry within our village and the wider Redditch and Bromsgrove circuit. Following the service we will be having refreshments as well as a bring and share buffet. If you are able to contribute to the buffet, please could you let Jess know as we all the other circuit churches have also been asked to provide food/desserts. Thank you.

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 meetings will be on **July 8th**.

Holiday Club – do you want to be involved?

Sally Meredith our mission Enabler has been encouraging us to do a weekly Holiday Club, during the summer holidays, on the theme of bible super hero's! We will be doing 3 hours on Monday 21st July until Monday 18th August. If you would like to be involved to help with crafts, songs or story telling please come to a meeting on **Friday 27th June**, at 1.30pm.

BaC-Up (Bereaved and Carer's Group)

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday July 29th** 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!

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 **July 10th** in the church

Saturday July 5th birthday celebration...

...during coffee shop, help Miriam celebrate her 70th birthday with a slice of birthday cake. All welcome

ECO church information & top tips

Why not take part in "Plastic free July"? Join millions worldwide who are saying "no" to all single use plastics during July, as only 9% of plastics can be recycled and 8 million tonnes of plastics pollution enters our ocean each year. **How?** Well, single use plastics are often plastic bags, straws, drinks bottles, cutlery, and food containers. You can avoid these, by planning ahead, i.e. taking a reusable drinks container with you, saying no to straws and plastics bags, buying your fruit & vegetables from a greengrocer (taking your own container from home with you)

Dates of Coach Trips 2025

13th September – Cardiff

25th October – Cotswolds

Rendezvous

The next meeting is scheduled for **July 3rd** when Ray will talk on "Cadbury – Legend and Myth." All welcome at 10 for coffee.

In addition there are seats available on the coach and train trip to Broadway and Evesham Country Park on Thursday 17 July departing at 10.30. Cost £37. Please contact Tricia or Brenda ASAP if you are interested.

Other dates for your diary

There'll be a cream tea on **Sat. 28th June** at Church from 2 - 4pm.

Food for the Basement

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

Coffee Shop Event

On **28th June** Platform Players (a group of young people who like the opportunity to play their musical instrument in front of an audience) are returning to entertain us. We would love you to come and support this event and of course, enjoy a coffee and chat. As always, there is no charge although donations are welcome. Many thanks.

Worship Dates for your Diary

Sunday 13th July - Morning worship with Deacon Janet Thomas

Sunday 20th July - Café style church with mission Praise Band led by Rev Latika Singh

OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS

Meet your Mission Enablers

Anne & Sally invite you to join them at one of the Circuit coffee shops, for a cuppa, a chat, to find out more about what they are doing in the Circuit, to ask questions and to get to know them, and each other, better – details on the attached poster (*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>

Circuit events during the summer

There are a number of circuit events planned – details on the attached poster and Word document (*email copies only but also here:* https://www.brmethodists.co.uk/circuit_event/s/circuit-summer-events/)

Edwards Trust Day (message from Gladys)

If you are wise and book the date - then you won't be late! For coffee and toasted tea cake between 10 am and midday, or Cream Tea between 2 and 4pm - on **Monday 21st July** at 69 Spadesbourne Road. £3.00 either visit and all in aid of Edwards Trust.

Request from Gladys – can you help?

Has anyone got a golf bag of any size that they no longer want and would donate to a 17year old (single parent) boy please? He is taking A levels next year and wants to play golf to relax. Collection is not a problem.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

West Midlands District Launch

The launch & welcome service at the end of August is fast approaching! You can just turn up on the day but do book a ticket on this link to let us know you are coming and ensure that you are catered for after the service:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/district-launch-and-chairs-welcome-service-tickets-1420708781209?aff=oddtcreator>

Last chance to sign up for the choir - see <http://www.wmmethodists.org.uk> and sign up by emailing the Birmingham District office – office@birminghammethodist.org.uk

“Born in Song – Come and sing!”

A “scratch” choir is being formed for the launch of the new West Midlands District on **Sat. 30th August** at Walsall Central Hall (see *attached for details - email copies only*).

Visit to Bridgewater Gardens Manchester

Burcot Gardening Club are opening up their coach trip on **2nd July** to Bridgewater Gardens, Manchester. Anyone interested please let Malcolm, Tricia or Brenda know. Price of £32 includes entrance fee.

A prayer for peace in the world

Peace is a rose.

So lovely, so delicate, so fragrant,
so easily crushed.

Holy God, let peace flower in our damaged world.

In parched places, let peace take root,
In broken places, let peace send forth strong shoots,

In barren places, let peace bud and bloom,
that all may see her beauty,
feel her softness,

be overcome by her gentle perfume,
and tend her.

Amen.

Sally Jones, presbyter, South Warwickshire Circuit

Notices and News to Dave Morgan at meandi@btinternet.com by 5 p.m. on Thursday July 10th 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>