



Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God
Welcome Everyone
Serve the Community**

Newsletter January 18th – February 1st 2024

OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

**Sunday 21st January – Morning Worship
led by Rev Steve Levett and the Mission
Praise band**

**Sunday 28th January – Café Church style
Worship led by Martin Tingle**

Worship plans also available here:

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

Sheila Collins

Peter, Pippa, Rachel and Helena invite you to celebrate Sheila Collins' full and faithful life at the Service of Thanksgiving at 3.30pm on Wednesday 31st January 2024 at Catshill Methodist Church, Golden Cross Lane, Catshill, B61 0LG.

Sheila specifically left an instruction for people to wear cheerful colours!

May we encourage you to donate in her memory to her preferred charity: The Basement Project via

<https://www.memorygiving.com/sheilamarycollins> or on the day at Church.

Those wishing to view the (family only) service from the crematorium (start 12.30) may do so using the following link:

<https://watch.obitus.com> (username jugo0190 password 909849)

The Thanksgiving Service will be available to view live on YouTube:

<https://youtube.com/live/BgQUMiOV3gc>

Thank you.

Coffee Shop

We are continuing with warm spaces until further notice, which means we are open until 1.30 on a Friday with soup and toast being served from noon. There is no cost for this although donations are welcome.

Rendezvous

The next meeting is **Thursday January 25th** when it will be the AGM plus a photo competition. All welcome at 10 am for coffee.

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 January 30th**

“Friday Night In”

Our next events are on **Jan 19th & Feb 23rd** – with kids games at 5pm and a “grown ups” movie at 7pm. A warm meal will be served around 6.30pm, for everyone there, plus snacks and drinks will be available during the evening.

Future dates:

Friday 15th March - Film night

Friday 19th April - Curry night

All welcome to all events.

Busy Bees

Busy Bees is an informal group sharing ideas & encouragement on a wide range of craft projects. All are welcome. The next meeting will be at 10.30-12.30 in the church on **February 1st** and then fortnightly after that.

ECO church information & top tips

Did you know you can compost all of the following items: hair, coffee filters, paper napkins cardboard egg boxes, wooden toothpicks, nail clipping and wine corks.

Coach Trips

The planned coach trips for 2024 are:

8th June: Weston super Mare

14th Sept: Cambridge

9th Nov: Cheltenham

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

More Dates for your Diary

Sunday 4th February – Morning Worship (Readings and music chosen by the Worship Consultation group)

Sunday 11th February – Communion Service led by Rev Latika Singh and the Mission Praise band

Sunday 18th February* - Café Church style Worship led by Sally Meredith

Sunday 25th February – Morning Worship led by Rev Anne Smith

**First Sunday in Lent*

Lent Services

Plans are in hand for services during Lent as follows:

Ash Wednesday (Feb 14th) 7 pm service led by Rev Latika Singh

Mothering Sunday (March 10th) morning worship led by Rev Anne Smith. Easter Eggs to be collected at the service for clients of the Basement and their families.

Palm Sunday (March 24th) morning service to include Jerusalem Joy with our choir (and a few guests!)

Maundy Thursday (March 28th) 7pm service with communion led by Rev Latika Singh

Good Friday (March 29th) 12 noon lunch (soup and a roll) followed at 1.45pm by a Good Friday service led by Rev Latika Singh.

A Lent study course is currently being planned (more details later)

Annual Church Meeting (ACM)

Our church ACM will be on **April 14th** after morning worship.

OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service

There will be a service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity entitled "Go and do likewise" at Bromsgrove Methodist Church on **Saturday 20th January** from noon until 12.45, organised by Churches Together in Bromsgrove. Refreshments will

be available in the foyer from 11.30 a.m. All welcome.

Circuit Service

There will be a circuit service on **Sunday 28th January** at 4pm, at Studley. It will also be live streamed.

All are welcome and the theme of the service is - Jesus The Great I AM.

Peckwood Forest Activities

More details about Peckwood Forest Space can be found on their Facebook page:

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

Live streamed services from Studley

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

PRAYER FOR TODAY

God of mystery and imagination, help us to see you in both the unexpected and the familiar, for surely you are present in all things.

The stranger who, from nowhere, stops to help; the beloved friend who speaks a word of comfort; the stone when lifted reveals the life beneath; the child who marvels at such a world of tiny beings, unnoticed and essential – all these display the wonders of your love, ever present if not always known.

In these times of uncertainty and doubt, enable us to lift our eyes to heaven. Remembering the stars are always there but that it takes the darkness to reveal them. Amen.

Sheryl Anderson, District Chair, Liverpool District

Notices and News to Dave Morgan at meandi@btinternet.com by 5 p.m. on Thursday February 1st please

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