



Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God
Welcome Everyone
Serve the Community**

Newsletter – April 25th – May 9th 2024

OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

**Sunday 28th April - A Local Arrangement
on the theme of places we feel close to
God (with the Mission Praise band)**

**Sunday 5th May - Morning Worship led by
Di Ross**

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

CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING

You are warmly invited to an event to support the work of Christian Aid on **Saturday 18th May** from 10.00am till 12.00. Come and join us for coffee or tea and a toasted tea cake. There will also be a bring and buy and plant stall. If you can help or need more information please contact Angela Jones. Please come to help support this very worthwhile cause.

New Flower Rota

The flower rota for June, July and August is now on the rota board in the porch. Any pre-requested dates have been included on the rota. Many thanks to those who provide flowers each week and to Di, Bren and Tricia for their help in arranging for those of us less able to do this! Thank you, Jan

Wednesday Aaradhana Group

The Aaradhana group will meet in the manse, monthly, at 7:30pm on 15th May, 12th June, 17th July, 14th August & 18th September. All welcome to join in this midweek group for Christian fellowship, conversation, Bible study and more.

BaC-Up (Bereaved and Carer's Group)

The next meeting of this group will be on **Tuesday April 30th** at 2.30 pm. The group meets on the last Tuesday of the month. Join us for chat, coffee/tea & cake!

Rendezvous

The next meeting is the "Not all there band" on **Thursday May 2nd**. All welcome at 10 am for coffee.

Rendezvous are arranging a coach trip to Stratford on **Thursday 27th June**. Cost is £20. See Tricia, Malcolm, Brenda or Chris.

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 May 7th**.

Busy Bees

Busy Bees is an informal group sharing ideas & encouragement on a wide range of craft projects. All are welcome. Next meeting will be at 10.30-12.30 on **May 9th** in the church and then fortnightly.

ECO church information & top tips

Did you know that 20 billion single use coffee pods, are used each year and of those 70% will end up in landfill. Let's swap to reusable pods instead 🌍

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) asap for the first trip.

Di & Dave's garden opening

Di and Dave's garden will be open again for the National Garden Scheme, raising money for charities such as McMillan's, Parkinson's, Marie Curie etc, on **Sunday May 12th** and again on **Saturday May 18th** from 1.30 to 5 pm. Admission £4, children free. The admission also gives access to David's garden next door! All welcome (sorry no dogs!)

More Dates for your Diary

Sunday 12th May - Morning Worship led by Rev Latika Singh

Sunday 19th May - Morning Worship led by James Knott

Sunday 26th May - Communion Service led by Rev Anne Smith

OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS

Easter Offering Service

The Easter Offering service will be held at Bromsgrove on **Sunday 28th April** at 6pm, by Methodist Women In Britain - see attached poster (*email copies only*).

Peckwood Forest Activities

More details about Peckwood Forest Space can be found by clicking the link below, which also has all their planned dates for 2024.

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

Live streamed services from Studley

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

OUR DISTRICT NEWS & EVENTS

Methodist Women in Britain

Next MWiB Spring Meetings:

April 27th – The District Spring Meeting to be held at Erdington Methodist Church.

May 18th – The Connexional Spring Garden Party to be held at the Rectory at Epworth.

Please contact Robert (07803597081) or Carole (07808071134) for further details and to reserve your seat – ALL are invited.

Bible Month 2024 Study Day

The Kidderminster & Stourport Circuit has organised a Study Day on Genesis on **Saturday 4th May** (10 am - 3 pm) at Trinity Methodist Church, Churchfields, Kidderminster DY10 2JL. Open to all especially to Local Preachers & Worship Leaders. Tea & Coffee provided –bring your own lunch! Led by Dr Andrew Mein, Director of Research at the Queen's Foundation, Birmingham. To reserve a place please contact mikedernie@aol.com

OTHER METHODIST NEWS

More than welcoming: Engaging with South Asian Communities

Revd Inderjit Bhogal will be speaking on line on the above subject, on Tuesday 30th April at 7.30 pm (in conjunction with the South East District). It is open to all across the Connexion but places are limited. To book a place go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/more-than-welcoming-engaging-with-south-asian-communities-registration-776334787247>

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Loving and compassionate God,

Help us to see hope in the most desperate situations.

Help us to uphold the value of others in our words and actions.

Help us to see the potential you see in each of your children.

Help us to know and to respond to your guiding hand in our lives. Amen.

Taken from "All We Can" website

Notices and News to Dave Morgan at meandi@btinternet.com by 5 p.m. on Thursday May 9th please

If you are reading a printed copy of this and would like it on email please let Dave know.

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