



Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God
Welcome Everyone
Serve the Community**

Newsletter: January 16th – 30th 2025

OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

Sunday 19th January - Café style church led by Deacon Janet Thomas

Sunday 19th January 6 pm – Service for Christian Unity – see separate note.

Sunday 26th January - Re-arranged Covenant & Communion Service led by Rev Anne Smith & Dave Morgan

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

Rendezvous

The next event is on **January 30th** when Adrian James will speak about "Bodenham Arboretum". All welcome at 10 for coffee.

Wednesday Aaradhana Group

The next Aaradhana group meetings will be at 7:30pm on **February 12th, March 12th & 19th, April 2nd & 16th**. All welcome to join this group for Christian fellowship, conversation, Bible study and more.

BaC-Up (Bereaved and Carer's Group)

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday Jan 28th** 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!

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 **January 21st (Please note this will be at the home of Ian & Angela)**

New (mainly white) flower arrangement

A new silk flower arrangement has been kindly donated for use on the altar when no

real flowers are available as an optional alternative to the usual one.

Busy Bees

This 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 **January 23rd** in the church and then fortnightly.

ECO church information & top tips

As a developing Eco Church we talk about "Carbon footprint"  but what does it mean and how can we reduce ours at home? It's made up by everything we do that generates greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. So how can we reduce our own? Big savers are driving/flying less, having one meat free day a week and planting trees. Taking shorter showers, lowering the heating thermostat, washing clothes at 30°C or below, unplugging electrical devices not in use and changing to LED light bulbs are medium savers. Smaller ones BUT with big impact are shopping locally, keeping reusable bags handy at all times, and saying no to single use cutlery and packaging.

Service for Christian Unity

This year we are hosting the Service for Christian Unity on the **19th of January at 6 pm**. This service is for all the churches and Christian communities in the village which observe the Week of Prayer together through a single common service, an order for an ecumenical worship service. This year the prayers and reflections for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity were prepared by the brothers and sisters of the monastic community of Bose in northern Italy.

The theme for this year is "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26). The preacher is Baptist Minister Rev. Simon Gudger. Please come together and experience being part of one service for all around the world and show solidarity and unity with our Christian brothers and sisters near and far. Please do stay for refreshments after the service to chat and get to know other fellow Christians in our Catshill village community.



Rearranged Covenant Service

Following the postponement of the planned Covenant & Communion Service on January 5th, due to weather conditions it has now been rearranged for **Sunday 26th** at the usual time of 10.30. It will be led by Rev Anne Smith and Dave Morgan

Food for the Basement

At church council it was agreed that we should restart the monthly collection of food for the Basement (we used to do it monthly at communion services). This time we invite folks to bring one item when we have our café church services and put it in the box in the porch. The Basement are glad of anything but they always need UHT milk, tinned meat balls & Fray Bentos pies. Thank you.

Event Dates for your diary

There will be a Quiz **afternoon on Saturday 8th Feb from 1.00 pm** in the church - quiz master Dave Morgan. £2 per person including a frankfurter (or veggie sausage) hot dog in a bread roll, tea and coffee. You don't need to be part of a team – just come along and we'll find you a team to join! More details from any committee member or sign the list in the porch.

Dates of Coach Trips 2025

31st May – Weston super Mare

13th September – Cardiff

25th October – Cotswolds

Greeting Cards

Ian Athey has placed a box of cards that Chris had collected, in the porch. Please help yourself and perhaps put a small donation to church funds in the collection plate (or hand to coffee shop).

Worship Dates for your Diary

Sunday 2nd February - Morning worship led by Di Ross with the Mission Praise band

Sunday 9th February - Local Arrangement led by Rev Anne Smith & Dave Morgan

OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS

Peckwood Forest Activities

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

Live streamed services from Studley

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

A PRAYER FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD

A prayer for the needs of the world

Loving God, we rejoice in the signs of your presence in the world:

for every child who has a home, we praise and thank you God;

for every war that has an end, we praise and thank you God;

for every wound that has been healed, we praise and thank you God;

for every debt that is no more, we praise and thank you God.

And for the dawning of hope for all people, we pray:

where there is hunger and there is need, your kingdom come, O Lord;

where there are walls and barriers of hate, your kingdom come, O Lord;

where the poor pay the price, and the rich take the profit, your kingdom come, O Lord;

and where the earth lies wasted, and the skies are polluted, your kingdom come, O Lord. Amen.

Richard Sharples, superintendent presbyter, Cleveland and Danby Circuit

Notices and News to Dave Morgan at meandi@btinternet.com by 5 p.m. on Thursday January 30th please

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