



Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God
Welcome Everyone
Serve the Community**

Newsletter: January 15th – January 29th 2026

OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

Sunday 18th January - Covenant Service with Communion led by Rev Ruth Fry

Sunday 25th January - Morning worship led by Dave Morgan with the Mission Praise band

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

Sheila Sanday's funeral

Sheila Sanday's funeral will be Wednesday February 4th at 12.30pm at Redditch Crematorium (family only) and then at 1.15pm at Catshill Methodist Church for a service of thanksgiving followed by refreshments at the back of the church.

Pete Yarrington's 80th birthday

Please come along to Coffee Shop and help Pete celebrate his 80th birthday on **Saturday 28th February** 10am - 1pm. Enjoy coffee, teas, cake and nibbles. Coffee Shop donations on that day will be shared between RNLI and The Blue Cross, at Pete's request. All welcome

New Year study sessions with Rev Ruth

The next study session with Rev Ruth Fry will be on Monday evening **19th January** at 7pm. All welcome.

Eco tips

Millions of tonnes of edible food end up in the bin each year, but leftovers can be turned into tasty meals, save money and help the planet 🌱

Simple ideas to reduce food waste:

- ✓ ☐ Store leftovers in reusable containers
- ✓ ☐ Plan a "leftover night" each week
- ✓ ☐ Turn extras into soups, stews or stir-fries
- ✓ ☐ Compost unavoidable food scraps

Small changes really do make a big difference ♻️

Rendezvous

The next meeting, on **Thursday January 29th**, will be Black Country Comedy with David Bartley. All welcome from 10am for coffee.

BaC-Up (Bereaved and Carer's Group)

The next BaC-Up meeting will be on **Tuesday 27th Jan 2026** at 2.30 pm. All carers, present and past, and anyone bereaved at any time welcome. Join us for chat, coffee/tea & cake

Rotas (please help!)

The rotas for January and February are on the notice board and it's all the usual suspects who have put their names down, so far! But there are still lots of gaps!! It would be good to have others involved with greeting folks as they arrive for worship, supplying/arranging flowers, doing readings, providing coffee/tea etc after the service. Also if anyone wants to know more about either managing the sound or the screen please see Jess or Dave. You can still make it a New Year's resolution to be more involved in 2026!

Dates for 2026 coach trips

30th May – Ross-on-Wye & Monmouth

12th September - Windsor

31st October - Bridgnorth and Ludlow

Curling Evening

The Curling Evening that was postponed last Saturday (10th January) will now take place this Saturday (17th) at 6.00pm with Chilli and Jacket Potato. The cost is £5 – if you haven't booked a place speak to Malcolm TODAY!

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 **Jan 22nd** in the porch.

Men's Group

The next meeting will be a meal in the village on January 29th. More details from Dave.

Worship Dates for your Diary

Sunday 1st February at 11 am - No service at Catshill (Alpha Hub service at St. Andrews)

Sunday 8th February - Morning worship led by Rev Ruth Fry with the Mission Praise band

OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS

Circuit service date for your diary in 2026

There will be a Circuit Service on **Sunday 22nd February** 6pm at Bromsgrove. The focus will be Celebrating Service.

TEAMS4U

I have received an email from Teams4U expressing their sincere thanks for supporting their shoebox appeal in 2025. An amazing amount of almost 60,000 shoeboxes were donated and then distributed to the very needy families/children in Ukraine, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Moldova, Georgia & Belarus. One of the co-partners said that some of the families/children had not received any gifts for 5 years where some of the boxes were distributed!! How fortunate are our families! Do they appreciate how fortunate they are? So please accept my truly grateful thanks for support helping with the total of 143 boxes being from my home and 25 from Lickey End First School. PLEASE MAY I ASK FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN 2026? It will be greatly appreciated somewhere in a country far away from here who may only receive your gift. Thank you again. Gladys Hatton

Chocolate and Sweet Tubs

If you received chocolates/sweets in plastic tubs and have eaten them and no longer have a use for the tubs please pass them to me for a kind lady who has in almost 16 years, made over a MILLION cakes for wounded service personnel who have lost limbs and confidence, families, independence etc. and are in Military Hospitals and nursing homes. She is disabled herself but puts that behind her and tirelessly makes the cakes and delivers them in the tubs and when necessary leaves the goodies in the tubs at their bedsides. Consequently she's always grateful for tubs or biscuit tins. She is not fussy about size or make just really grateful for the empties. She is known as Kath the Cake Lady. (She is a very dear friend of my family and me.) Gladys Hatton

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

PRAYER

Teach us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou deservest;
to give and not to count the cost;
to fight and not to heed the wounds;
to toil and not to seek for rest;
to labour and not to ask for any reward
save that of knowing that we do thy will.
Amen.

(St Ignatius of Loyola)

Notices and News to Dave Morgan at meandi@btinternet.com by 5 p.m. on Thursday January 29th 2026 please.

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

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