



Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God
Welcome Everyone
Serve the Community**

Newsletter – February 1st – 15th 2024

OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

**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**

Worship plans also available here:

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

Bob's 80th (Ssshhh!) (message from Jan)

Bob Martin is celebrating his 80th birthday on February 17th. We have decided to celebrate this with our church family and friends on **Friday 16th February** during coffee shop. We would love it if you could join us and enjoy some cake. (No presents please, your company will please Bob more than anything). **NB Bob doesn't know anything about these plans, we are going to try and keep it a surprise.**

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.

In addition, on **Saturday February 3rd**, the Bromsgrove Strings Orchestra will have a concert from 11 until 12.30 in the church during coffee shop. No entrance fee! Donations will be split between a charity chosen by the orchestra and the church. Please come and support the orchestra and the church.

Rendezvous

The next meeting is **Thursday February 8th** when the subject will be "Jewels", speaker Alan Hill. 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 February 13th**

"Friday Night In"

Our next event is on **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 15th** and then fortnightly after that.

ECO church information & top tips

With the 14th February not far away – have an eco-friendly Valentine's Day! So don't buy things for the sake of it; ignore all valentine themed, plastic wrapped cards and themed gifts. Instead here are some Eco-Friendly Valentine's Day Ideas:

- Cook a nice meal from scratch
- Run a bath for your other half,
- Go for a romantic walk somewhere beautiful or in the moonlight
- Give your other half a foot massage.
- Buy them something 2nd hand (even better if it's something they want!)
- Draw them a picture of something they love (their cat or dog or something else)
- Do something else crafty – do some needlepoint with a loving message

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 18th February (1st Sunday in Lent)

- **Café Church led by Sally Meredith**

Sunday 25th February – Morning Worship

led by Rev Anne Smith

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

The Bridge Lent Course (& services)

The Bridge, in Redditch, are organising a Lent course, which is in person and online. Details attached (*email copies only*).

The Bridge is also part of the Christ The King team and details of their services are also attached. (*email copies only*).

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>

OUR DISTRICT NEWS & EVENTS

Shout 2024 tour

On behalf of Cardiff Methodist Community Choir, please see attached information on their Lichfield leg of their 'Shout 2024' tour to Churches and Circuits in our *District* (*email copies only*).

OUR AREA NEWS & EVENTS

World Day of Prayer

On **Friday 1st March** at 11am there will be an Ecumenical service involving all the churches in Bromsgrove and Catshill. It will be held at St Peters Roman Catholic Church, Rock Hill, Bromsgrove. The service has been prepared by Christian women living in Israel/Palestine and will reflect on their lives. It will offer the chance to pray for Christians living and working in Jerusalem. Everyone is invited to come and share in this act of worship and share in refreshments afterwards. We look forwards to welcoming you all

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Lord, thank you for this beautiful day. May peace and love fill my heart. Help me to be kind and patient. Guide me with your wisdom and fill me with joy and gratitude. Amen.

Notices and News to Dave Morgan at meandi@btinternet.com by 5 p.m. on Thursday February 15th please

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

These notices are also available here:

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