



Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God
Welcome Everyone
Serve the Community**

Newsletter – June 20th – July 4th 2024

OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

Sunday 23rd June - Morning Worship led by Di Ross

Sunday 30th June - Café Church Worship led by James Knott and the MP band

Worship plans also available here:

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

Christmas Experience

After last year's wonderful 3 days where we told the story of the first Christmas to many local children, we're doing it again this year. Our Christmas Experience will start with morning worship on December 1st and then we will welcome schools on Monday 2nd to Wednesday 4th. We need volunteers to be story tellers, guides and tea makers. If you're interested our first meeting is **Sunday 7th July** at 3pm.

Friday Night event CANCELLED

Please note that the event planned for **28th June** has been cancelled.

Wednesday Aaradhana Group

The Aaradhana group will meet in the manse, at 7:30pm on 17th July, 14th August & 18th Sept. 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 June 25th** at 2.30 pm. As it's now summer we'll be sharing memories of summer holidays. The group meets 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!

Rendezvous

The next meeting is a coach trip to Stratford **Thursday June 27th** followed by a meal on July 11th (fully booked). More information about future events from Tricia, Malcolm, Brenda or Chris.

Prayer Group

Prayer group will be taking a break over the summer and restarting in September (date to be confirmed).

Prayer Handbooks

If anyone would like a new Prayer Handbook for the coming year please let Dave know by June 21st – price is £4.15

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 **July 4th** in the church and then fortnightly.

ECO church information & top tips

Did you know that drying your clothes outside on the line for 6 months of the year, rather than tumble drying could save around 300 kgs of CO2.

Coach Trips

The planned coach trips for 2024 are:
14th Sept: Cambridge £29 – leaves 9 am
9th Nov: Cheltenham £20 – leaves 9.30 am
Names to Tricia or committee member).

Dates for your diary

Cream tea at Church on **Saturday 27th July** 2-4 pm. Tickets £4 (or £5 on the day).

Quiz night on **Saturday, 12th October** 6 pm at Church. Bring your own food.

Coffee shop news and planned events

There will be a fundraiser during coffee shop on **July 5th/6th** to support a family known to Latika who have fallen on very hard times. The father has lost his wife and his 2 sons and is now unemployed as well. He is caring for his daughter-in-law and

needs to find money for his daughter's marriage to take place. Latika will be making curries and other goodies to sell. Please come and join us for this outreach.

Future dates for your Diaries:

Macmillan Coffee Morning **Friday 27th September**

Choir Concert - **Saturday 28th Sept.** with both the Men's and the general choir
Children in Need - **Friday 15th November**
Carols around the Piano/Christmas Jumper Day - **Saturday 21st December**

The strings orchestra are also planning a couple of concerts during coffee shop. The autumn one may be on **October 26th** and they are also planning a carol concert (date tba but early December).

News: We've recently made 3 donations of £500 each to Parkinson's UK, Zambuko ra Jehova and the RNIB. Thank you all for your support and therefore giving us the means to make these donations.

Congratulations to Rising Stars Preschool

Congratulations to the staff of the Catshill Rising Stars Preschool which is held Monday - Friday in our church hall. The staff have been awarded a certificate of excellence recognising them as Early Years Foundation Stage Team of the Year from the Pearson National Teaching Awards together with a letter from the children's author and Pearson president, Michael Morpurgo. Well done to you all!

More Dates for your Diary

Sunday 7th July - Morning Worship led by Rev Steve Levett

Sunday 14th July - Communion Service led by Rev Latika Singh with the Mission Praise band

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>

OUR DISTRICT & OTHER NEWS

2 MHA Chaplain vacancies in Coventry

...at MHA Abbey Park, Coventry: 28 hrs a week, closing date 8th July and MHA Charnwood House, 12hrs a week, closing date 15th July. To discuss either contact: Susan.martyr@mha.org.uk

Springs Dance Company Events

The Springs Dance Company are offering two performances for churches to host. **"A Time to Mourn, A Time to Dance"** was created after the pandemic, and offers an opportunity to reflect on grief, human connection and joy. This uplifting show is available from September to October 2024. **"Journey of the Magi"** is our much-loved, family-friendly, festive frolic, made to bring laughter and cheer in the run up to Christmas. Now booking from 22nd November to 22nd December 2024. (see attached – on email copies only)

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Loving God of all the world,
We hold before you the nations
To the God who reigns over governments,
Bring justice where injustice rules.
To the God who carries a weary world
without growing weak
Give strength to the struggling and hope
to the hopeless.
To the creative God who dreamt up our
world
Grant vision and insight to those with a
heart to change things for the better.
To the compassionate God
Heal what is hurting and restore what has
been broken.
With grateful hearts we thank our loving
God,
whose compassion never ceases,
whose love for us never runs dry,
whose fight against injustice never relents.
Amen.

Notices and News to Dave Morgan at meandi@btinternet.com by 5 p.m. on Thursday July 4th please

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

These notices are also available here:

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