



Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God
Welcome Everyone
Serve the Community**

Newsletter – March 28th – April 11th 2024

OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

Friday March 29th - Good Friday 12 noon
lunch (soup & roll plus a hot cross bun)
followed at 1.45pm by a short service led
by Rev Latika Singh.

**Sunday March 31st (Easter Day) - Morning
Worship led by John Webb**

**Sunday 7th April - Morning Worship led by
Maureen Foxall & the Mission Praise band**

Worship plans also available here:

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

Church decoration for Easter

We'll be decorating the church for Easter
on Saturday (30th) morning from 10 a.m.
Those who would like to gift their flowers
after Easter should let Tricia or Brenda
know who they should go to. Thankyou

New Wednesday Group

Following on from the Lent course a new
Wednesday group called "Chosen" will
start on Wednesday 17th April, 7.30pm at
the manse! Everyone is welcome for a
time of study and questions together.

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!

Coffee Shop

Coffee shop is now back to "Summer
opening times" i.e. 10 – 12 midday on
Friday and Saturday. All are welcome.

Rendezvous

The next meeting is **Thurs April 4th** when
Hope Brotherhood will be entertaining
with popular songs and there will be a
music quiz. 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 April 9th**

"Friday Night In"

Next event is on **Friday 19th April** – a curry
night with Indian Music and dancing. The
event starts at 6pm, curry (vegetarian or
meat) served at 6.30pm. An alternative
meal of pizza & chips will be served for
any children who would prefer it. We will
be doing kids games in the main Church
and then all eating together in the youth
hall. A sign up sheet will be on the notice
board from Easter Sunday, to reserve your
place. All welcome.

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 **April 11th**
in the church and then fortnightly.

ECO church information & top tips

Did you know that spending 2 hours per
week outside in nature is actually
scientifically proven to boost your
physical and mental well-being. ♣♥☐

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.

More Dates for your Diary

Sunday 14th April - Café Church style Worship led by Rev Latika Singh (church Annual Church Meeting)

Sunday 21st April - Communion Service led by Rev Alan Bidnell

Annual Church Meeting (ACM)

This will be on **April 14th** after worship.

OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS

Alcester refurbishment

You're invited to visit Alcester Church to see the alterations at an open morning on **Sat. 13th April**. All welcome. Rev Latika Singh will be leading a short service of rededication of the building during their service on Sunday 7th April at 10:30am.

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.

We hope to be able to arrange minibus transport depending on sufficient numbers. Please contact Robert (07803597081) or Carole (07808071134) for further details and to reserve your seat – ALL are invited.

Easter Pilgrimage

Ten pilgrims from the Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury and Birmingham Districts have signed up to make a Pilgrimage in Easter week. They welcome day walkers to join them on any stretch of their journey – see attached document for details (*email copies only*)

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 Mike Dornie Email:

mikedornie@aol.com

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.

From All We Can.

Notices and News to Dave Morgan at meandi@btinternet.com by 5 p.m. on Thursday April 11th 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>

Why do we have Easter Eggs at Easter?

It is believed that Easter eggs originated (possibly from Mesopotamia) because the outside of the egg looks hard, like stone, but inside there is new life, which is going to break out. The Easter egg is therefore a reminder that Jesus will rise from His tomb and bring new life.

HAPPY EASTER.