



Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God
Welcome Everyone
Serve the Community**

Newsletter: October 2nd – 16th 2025

OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

**Sunday 5th October - Morning worship led
by Deacon Janet Thomas**

**Sunday 12th October - Communion service
led by Rev Steve Levett with the Mission
Praise band**

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

Message from Rev. Ruth

Dear friends,

I write to say a huge thank you for the warm welcome my family and I have received on moving to Catshill. The Harvest service was a joy to lead with lovely music thoughtfully selected and rehearsed; all ages present and everyone joining in. I can't quite believe we are into October already though!

Autumn is one of my favourite seasons. I love the vibrancy of the colours, the trees turning from green, to golden yellow, orange and red. It's a time of transition within the cycle of life, a time of letting go. We could learn much from watching the leaf of a tree as it gently falls to the earth. I've often wondered why trees are so good at letting go. Perhaps it's because they've had so much practice. Year after year they shed their leaves and year after year they emerge from the barrenness of winter as spring appears and the first signs of new life begin to emerge. Times of transition are never easy but if we choose to embrace them, they can be beautiful. Letting go of what has been and embracing what is to come requires us to trust. We don't know what lies ahead and yet what we do know is that the One who shapes the seasons journeys with us, and we are not left alone.

May you know God's presence with you as the seasons change and as we journey together as a church sharing God's love with the community of Catshill and beyond.

Rev Ruth

Coffee Rota on Sundays after worship

The Sunday coffee rota seems to be falling to the same few people each week. Could YOU help? It would be good if a few others could sign up if possible. The rota is on the board in the porch. Thank you.

Message of thanks from the Basement

We have received this message of thanks from the Basement:

"It is harvest time and the generosity of the local community is never more keenly felt by us all here at The Basement Project than when donations come in from the churches and schools. So, thank you once again to the congregation and community at Catshill Methodist church for your kindness in thinking of our charity. Our food bank team are busy sorting the food and preparing food packs to be handed to the young people in crisis who contact us asking for help at the most difficult times in their lives. Best wishes Jayne Gwillam (Volunteer Administrator)."

Men's Group

The 1st meeting of the reconstructed "Men's group" will be on **Wednesday October 8th** at 7.30 pm. We'll meet at the Crown in Catshill for a drink, chat and to plan some events over the next few months. If you haven't had an email from Dave about it then it either means he's got it wrong (quite possible) or he didn't have you on the list of those interested – in which case please contact him or just come along on the 8th.

Rendezvous

The next meeting is on **Thursday October 9th**, when Nigel Metcalfe will be saying "I Do Like to be Beside the Seaside" commencing at 10 am for coffee. All welcome.

Date of last Coach Trip in 2025

25th October – Cotswolds

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 **October 7th**.

BaC-Up (Bereaved and Carer's Group)

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 28th Oct** at 2.30 pm. All carers, present and past, and anyone bereaved at any time welcome. Join us for chat, coffee/tea & cake.

ECO church information & top tips

4 good reasons to keep gardening throughout the autumn...

1. Touching soil release serotonin.
2. Growing plants increases our self-esteem.
3. Walking amongst plants has been linked to a reduction in anxiety.
4. Getting dirt underneath your nails, can improve your gut health.

Coffee shop

Thanks to everyone who helped or supported the Macmillan Big Coffee Morning at coffee shop on 26th September. There isn't a final total yet, but inclusive of a £100 donation from Rendezvous, the figure so far is £526. We've also been promised a donation from Rising Starts (Preschool).

Coffee shop December dates for your diary!

Dec 6th: Bromsgrove Strings Christmas Concert

Dec 13th: Carols round the piano

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 **October 16th** in the porch

Light Party

We will be having a Light party holiday club on **Monday 27th October**, 2-3pm for children with additional needs & 3-5pm for all other children. We will have lights, music and party food. To book a space please contact Sally Meredith on 07884 191101.

Worship Dates for your Diary

Sunday 19th October - Café style church led by Martin Tingle

Sunday 26th October - Morning worship with Baptism led by Rev Ruth Fry

Food for the Basement

We continue to collect food for the Basement at café church services, especially tinned meat balls & Fray Bentos pies.

OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS

Last chance to see Steve in Panto?

Attached (*email copies only*) is a poster about what might be your last chance to see our Superintendent Minister, Steve Levett, in a local panto! Don't miss this chance!

Saturday 18th Oct fundraiser at Bromsgrove

There will be a fund-raising Fashion Show and Discount Clothing Sale (up to 75% off well-known High Street brands) at Bromsgrove Methodist Centre on Oct 18th, to support the work of Bromsgrove and Redditch Welcome Refugees. Doors open 1.30pm: Show at 2pm. Tickets £8 to include refreshments, from info@brwr.uk or at the door.

A circuit based request

Attached (*email copies only*) is a poster from the housekeeper at Emmanuel asking for donations of unwanted Christmas trees & decorations (cut off Sunday 16th Nov).

Peckwood Forest Activities

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

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Do you ever feel you're not important enough, not strong enough or even not brave enough, to do great things? If so then listen to this quote from Mother Teresa:

'We can do no great things, only small things with great love.'

Notices and News to Dave Morgan at meandi@btinternet.com by 5 p.m. on Thursday October 16th 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>