



Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God
Welcome Everyone
Serve the Community**

Newsletter – July 4th – 18th 2024

OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

**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**

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, starting with morning worship on Dec. 1st and then we'll 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.

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 July 30th** at 2.30 pm. 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!

Prayer Group

Prayer group will restart in September.

Rendezvous

The next meeting is a meal on July 11th (fully booked). More information about future events from Tricia, Malcolm, Brenda or Chris.

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 18th** in the church and then fortnightly.

ECO church information & top tips

July is plastic free month 🌍 Join millions around the world making the switch away from single-use plastic water bottles and choosing reusables! Many people carry a reusable bottle in their bag or car for easy access. Some prefer to repurpose existing bottles. Carrying a reusable bottle not only helps reduce plastic waste but also saves money compared to buying bottled water.

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 at coffee shop on **July 5th/6th** to support a family Latika knows who have fallen on hard times. The father has lost his wife and his 2 sons and is now unemployed. He's caring for his daughter-in-law and needs to find money for his daughter's marriage. Latika will be making curries and other goodies to sell. Please support this outreach.

On **July 6th** Rev Anne Smith will also be providing cakes to celebrate her 70th. She asks for no presents but if you would like

to make a donation it will go to the church project – Zambuko ra Jehova.

More dates: Safer Neighbourhood Police team will be in attendance from 11 am on **Friday July 12th**. The idea is to allow folks to meet their local officers and raise any concerns.

Macmillan Coffee Morning **Friday 27th September**

Choir Concert - **Saturday 28th Sept.** with both the Men's and the general choir

Strings orchestra concert - **October 26th**.

Children in Need - **Friday 15th November**

Performance from the Platform Players (schoolchildren playing music) **Saturday December 7th** 11.30-12.30.

Christmas Music with the Strings Orchestra **Saturday December 14th** 11am to midday

Carols around the Piano/Christmas Jumper Day - **Saturday 21st December**

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

Gladys's "Open Door" Charity Event

... at 69 Spadesbourne Road, Lickey End **Tuesday 23rd July** 10am-midday (toasted tea cake and coffee) and/or 2.00-4.00pm (cream tea). £3 either session. Bring and Buy table. All takings will be donated to the EDWARDS TRUST - Bereavement Counselling for the Birmingham Children Hospital. Please support this charity event.

Dave & Di's art group exhibition

... will be at Alvechurch Village Hall on **Thursday to Saturday July 25th to 27th** (10-6 Thurs/Fri, 10-5 on Saturday) Free entry!

More Dates for your Diary

Sunday 21st July - A Local Arrangement

Sunday 28th July - Morning Worship led by Dave Morgan

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

Let your peace rule in our hearts, O Lord that we may delight in your strength, rejoice in your grace and find our fulfilment in your will; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Matthew Henry (1662-1714)

Notices and News to Dave Morgan at meandi@btinternet.com by 5 p.m. on Thursday July 18th 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>