



# Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God  
Welcome Everyone  
Serve the Community**

**Newsletter: May 22<sup>nd</sup> – June 5<sup>th</sup> 2025**

## **OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS**

### **WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Local Arrangement (Ian Jones will lead an eco-themed service with some of the eco team).**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Morning Worship led by John Webb**

Worship plans also available here:  
<https://www.catshillmethodists.org.uk/worship>

### **Message from Robert Trigger**

Carole has settled in to Chandler Court (she is there until June 7<sup>th</sup>, so is available for visits at any time. Lunch is between 12-2 but she can have it in her room or visitors can sit with her in the dining room if it's at that time. Not sure when tea is supposed to be though. If you want to join her for a meal then call the home (01527 917500) in advance so they can cater for numbers (there is a charge of £6). If you want to go straight up to her room after signing in then she should be in room 60 on floor 2 (1<sup>st</sup> room on right along corridor). Or they might say if she's in an activity elsewhere or has other visitors. She has her phone and should be ok to take calls. Thank you. Robert

### **Iona service (Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 2.30)**

There will be a Service to celebrate Columba Day on **June 8<sup>th</sup>** at 2.30 pm, led by members and friends of the Iona Community followed by conversation tea and cake. All welcome

### **MWIB Easter Offering service (June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm)**

This circuit service is at our church at 6 pm on **June 8<sup>th</sup>** and the theme is Education. Each church has a small part in the service – ours is a short drama and 8 people are needed to read the script – there's a sign-up sheet next to rotas list on the board in the porch. Please add your name if you'd like to be involved. All welcome to join us for the service!

### **Food for the Basement**

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

### **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 **May 27<sup>th</sup>**

### **BaC-Up (Bereaved and Carer's Group)**

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup>** at 2.30 pm. We meet 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!

### **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 at 10.30-12 on **May 29<sup>th</sup>** in the church

### **ECO church information & top tips**

**5 reasons why we shouldn't use weedkillers in our gardens...** 1. Weedkillers have a large carbon footprint from their manufacture, packaging & transportation. 2. Surface and groundwater pollution is caused by its runoff, accidental spillages and incorrect disposal. This poses a significant threat to our aquatic wildlife. 3. Weedkillers can damage or kill our garden plants. 4. Weedkillers can harm or kill garden wildlife, including invertebrates on plants when they are treated, and bees and other pollinators, that feed on treated plants. 5. Weedkillers can be poisonous to pets

### **Dates of Coach Trips 2025**

**31<sup>st</sup> May** – Weston super Mare

**13<sup>th</sup> September** – Cardiff

**25<sup>th</sup> October** – Cotswolds

### **Other dates for your diary**

There'll be a cream tea on **Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> June** at Church from 2 - 4pm. More details later

### **Dave & Di's garden opening dates**

Dave & Di's last garden open day of the year for the National Garden Scheme is on **Monday May 26<sup>th</sup>** from 1.30 pm to 5 pm. £4 admission and refreshments available.

### **Coffee Shop News**

The coffee shop committee donated over £4000 to various charities in 2024 and your support for Christian Aid on May 17<sup>th</sup> raised over £300 which the committee are making up to £500 from funds. So **"Thank you"**.

### **Rendezvous**

The next meeting is scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup> when Dave James will talk on Podiatry. All welcome at 10 for coffee

### **Worship Dates for your Diary**

**Sunday 8th June - Family service led by Rev Latika Singh and Sally Meredith**

**Sunday 8th June (2.30 pm) - Iona Service to celebrate Columba Day organised by members & friends of the Iona Community.**

**Sunday 8th June (6 pm) - Easter Offering service led by Jackie Hartrey**

**Sunday 15th June - Café style church led by Sarah Leeson**

### **OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS**

#### **Singing Together for Worship Together...**

...on Trinity **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June** at 3.30 p.m. at Emmanuel Church Centre, Redditch. There will be rehearsals for this event, organised by Churches Together in Redditch, in May and June. All singers welcome from across the circuit. More details and dates of rehearsals on the attached poster (*email copies only*).

#### **Peckwood Forest Activities**

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

#### **Live streamed services from Studley**

<https://www.youtube.com/@studleymethodistchurch/streams>

#### **Circuit events during the summer**

There are a number of circuit events planned – details on the attached poster and Word document (*email copies only but also here*: [https://www.brmethodists.co.uk/circuit\\_events/circuit-summer-events/](https://www.brmethodists.co.uk/circuit_events/circuit-summer-events/))

#### **Edwards Trust Day (message from Gladys)**

If you are wise and book the date - then you won't be late! For coffee and toasted tea cake between 10 am and midday, or Cream Tea between 2 and 4pm - on **Monday 21st July** at 69 Spadesbourne Road. £3.00 either visit and all in aid of Edwards Trust.

### **OTHER NEWS & EVENTS**

#### **"Better Together" Newsletter**

A copy of the newsletter 'Better Together!' with details of the new West Midlands District, is attached (*email copies only*).

#### **The Well Conference**

Details of this event on June 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> can be found on the attached (*email copies only*).

### **Opportunity to visit Bridgewater Gardens Manchester**

Burcot Gardening Club are opening up their coach trip on 2nd July to Bridgewater Gardens, Manchester. Anyone interested please let Malcolm, Tricia or Brenda know. Price of £32 includes entrance fee.

### **Events at The Greenhouse at Barnes Close**

There are various events at the above venue near Lydiate Ash – see attached posters for details (*email copies only*)

### **Redditch Churches Together 24 hours of prayer**

Churches Together in Redditch are having a 24 hours of prayer from 7pm on June 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7pm on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. You can sign up for a slot when you will be praying – see attached posters for details (*email copies only*)

### **A prayer for each day**

As we rejoice in the gift of each new day, so may the light and love of God's presence set our hearts on fire with love for God and each other, now and forever. Amen.

**Notices and News to Dave Morgan at [meandi@btinternet.com](mailto:meandi@btinternet.com) by 5 p.m. on Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup> please**

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

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