



# Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God  
Welcome Everyone  
Serve the Community**

Newsletter – April 11<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 2024

## OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

### WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

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

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

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

### Funeral of Judith Brown

The funeral for Judith will start at Redditch Crematorium at 1.15 pm on **Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup>** followed by a thanksgiving service at our church at 2.15 pm. All welcome. Family flowers only. Donations to the Basement Project. Dress code is smart casual and we are asked to wear something orange in Judith's memory.

### 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 30<sup>th</sup>** at 2.30 pm. The group meets on the last Tuesday of the month. Join us for chat, coffee/tea & cake!

### Rendezvous

The next meeting is a "Curling Morning" on **Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup>**. All welcome at 10 am for coffee.

Rendezvous are arranging a coach trip to Stratford on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June**. Cost is £20. See Tricia, Malcolm, Brenda or Chris.

### Annual Church Meeting (ACM) April 14th

The Agenda for this meeting, together with the minutes from the previous year's meeting and all the submitted reports for the year ended August 31<sup>st</sup> 2023 are attached as a PDF file (*email copies only*)

### Well done Peter!

Peter Collins raised a splendid £611.91 by walking a mile (or more) every day in February in aid of Alzheimer's Research UK. We (the Collins Family) would like to thank everyone who made a donation. Peter clocked up a total of 45 miles!

### 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 23<sup>rd</sup>**

### "Friday Night In"

Next event is on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April** – a curry night with Indian Music & dancing starting at 6pm, curry (vegetarian or meat) at 6.30pm. An alternative meal of pizza & chips will be served for any children who would prefer it. There will be kids games in the 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 25<sup>th</sup>** in the church and then fortnightly.

### ECO church information & top tips

The Church has now achieved the silver Eco Church award. Our next meeting is **Tuesday 16th April**, 9.30 - 10.30am in the porch area. Would you like to come along and find out more about what we can do next?

## Coach Trips

The planned coach trips for 2024 are:

**8<sup>th</sup> June: Weston super Mare**

**14<sup>th</sup> Sept: Cambridge**

**9<sup>th</sup> Nov: Cheltenham**

Names to Tricia (or any committee member) asap for the first trip.

## More Dates for your Diary

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April - A Local Arrangement on the theme of places we feel close to God (with the Mission Praise band)**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Morning Worship led by Di Ross**

## OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS

### Alcester refurbishment

You're invited to visit Alcester Church to see the alterations at an open morning on **Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> April**. All welcome.

### Easter Offering Service

The Easter Offering service will be held at Bromsgrove on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>** – The District Spring Meeting to be held at Erdington Methodist Church.

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** – 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.

## Bible Month 2024 Study Day

The Kidderminster & Stourport Circuit has organised a Study Day on Genesis on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Dernie Email: [mikedernie@aol.com](mailto:mikedernie@aol.com)

## OTHER METHODIST NEWS

### Coventry & Warwickshire year 6 and 7 Poetry Slam Grand Final.

The above will be held at Coventry Central Hall at 6.30pm on the **24<sup>th</sup> April**. All are welcome (*see poster attached*).

### More than welcoming: Engaging with South Asian Communities

Revd Inderjit Bhogal will be speaking on line on the above subject, on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm (in conjunction with the South East District). It is open to all across the Connexion but places are limited. To book a place go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/more-than-welcoming-engaging-with-south-asian-communities-registration-776334787247>

## PRAYER FOR TODAY

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

**Notices and News to Dave Morgan at [meandi@btinternet.com](mailto:meandi@btinternet.com) by 5 p.m. on Thursday April 25<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>