



Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God
Welcome Everyone
Serve the Community**

Newsletter : October 10th – 24th 2024

OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

**Sunday 13th October - Morning Worship
led by Graeme Russell**

**Sunday 20th October - Harvest Festival
Service with Communion led by Rev
Latika Singh and the Mission Praise band.**

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

IMPORTANT - POSTPONED EVENT

Please note that the Quiz night planned
for **Saturday, 12th October** has been
postponed until a later date.

Thank you!

Thank you to all who supported the
coffee shop/choir events of 27th & 28th
September. The MacMillan coffee
morning raised £305, and the coffee shop
have donated a further £500, and the
choir event raised £273.49

Christmas experience meeting

The next Christmas Experience Meeting
will be on **Sunday 17th November** at 3pm.

Eco Church meeting

The next Eco church meeting will be on
Tuesday 19th November at 9.30am.

Rendezvous

The next meeting is **October 17th** when
the subject will be "Market Towns: Their
History" speaker: Dr. Richard Churchley.
All welcome at 10 am for coffee.

Lay a wreath on Remembrance Sunday

Would YOU like to lay the wreath on
behalf of the church at the Catshill War
Memorial? If so contact Jess Knott.

Harvest Gifts

If you would like to bring Harvest gifts
either on Saturday 19th as the church is
decorated or on the morning of the 20th
at the Harvest Service, donations of food
will go to the Basement and gifts of
money will be donated to the Zambuko
Ra Jehovah project.

Coach Trips

The planned coach trips for 2024 are:
9th Nov: Cheltenham £20 – leaves 9.30 am
Names to Tricia or committee member).

Wednesday Aaradhana Group

The Aaradhana group will meet at
7:30pm on **16th October**. Then **November
20th & January 15th**. All welcome to join
this 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 October 29th at 2.30 pm. The
subject for this meeting will be "Food likes
and dislikes"! 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 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 October 15th**.

Busy Bees

This 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 **October 24th** in
the church and then fortnightly.

Foundation Safeguarding Training Course

There is a course at our church on **Sat.
16th November** 1- 4pm. Please speak to
Jackie Hooper regarding your
safeguarding training.

Prayer Vigil

There will be a prayer vigil on **Friday 22nd
November** from 2 pm – 6 pm. Come for
any length of time. Perhaps read a Bible
passage then pray and/or meditate on it.

The Christmas Experience (from Sue)

The Christmas Experience is back! From the 1st - 4th December we shall be sharing the Christmas story with even more local school children, youth groups and adults than last year. Mary, the inn-keeper, the shepherds and a wise man will tell what happened on the night that Jesus was born. They will each have a dwelling (gazebo) dressed and simply furnished.

Last year you loaned us so many perfect props and I hope that you are able to do the same again please. I will be in touch with those people on my list soon! I will gather the items together nearer the time.

We particularly need blankets, sheets and throws in neutral colours, a curtain or the like in rich colours and a small richly coloured rug.

Please ensure all loaned items are named to ensure safe return. Thank you.

Sue Yarrington 01527 877120

ECO church information & top tips

Leave the leaves...the decomposition of fallen leaves, will return nutrients to the soil and is part of the vital ecological cycle of your garden. Organisms that break down your leaves such as fungi & insects then provide a food source for birds.... a whole food chain in your own garden 🌱

Dave's new book!

Dave 2nd volume of rhyming verse entitled "Hopeless Henry's Little Problem (and 99 other what I still call poems)" is now available at £5 with all profits going to the Basement Project.

Dates for your diary

There will be a Kurling evening on **Saturday, 11th January 2025.**

Coffee shop planned events

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**

More Dates for your Diary

Sunday 27th October - Morning Worship led by John Webb

Sunday 3rd November - Morning Worship led by Ian Athey

OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS

Circuit hubs vision/planning afternoon

The above is planned for **Sunday October 20th** at Studley, 2-5 pm with (optional) lunch. If you're interested in going to represent Catshill please speak to Jess.

Peckwood Forest Activities

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

Live streamed services from Studley

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

PRAYER FOR TODAY

A prayer for closeness with God

Loving God, help me feel connected to you so that you may use me where you have placed me. Help me draw close enough that I may see with your eyes, hear with your ears and think with your mind, because you are a just God and justice is a part of loving. Let me support victims who aren't recognised and people excluded from the accepted circle. Enable me to help people who are suffering because others seek to increase their wealth. Empower me to advocate for children who cannot fulfil their potential or for those whose voices aren't heard. Bring me out from my comfort zone. Stop me just acting in my own interests. Let me do right! Amen.

Margaret Lee, steward, Borders Mission Circuit

Notices and News to Dave Morgan at meandi@btinternet.com by 5 p.m. on Thursday October 24th please

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