



Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God
Welcome Everyone
Serve the Community**

Newsletter: April 10th – 24th 2025

OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

Sunday 13th April - Palm Sunday service with Mission Praise Band led by Dave Morgan

Thursday 17th April - 7 pm Maundy Thursday service

Friday 18th April – 12 noon soup & roll lunch followed by 1.45 pm Good Friday service

Sunday 20th April - Easter Day café style service with communion led by Rev Latika Singh

Worship plans also available here:

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

Peter Collins: a message from his daughters

To all of our church family, from Pippa, Rachel and Helena: Your friend and our Dad, passed away on 23rd March in his care home in Ross on Wye where he has been so beautifully looked after for the last year. Please join us to say a final farewell to Peter on Thursday 8th May at 11.45am at Redditch Crematorium. Although he was a quiet man, he had many friends and we hope you can join us to say goodbye. After the service, we will return to Five Ways Old Edwardians Sports Club where Dad spent so many happy hours on his beloved tractor looking after the cricket and rugby pitches. If you would like to donate in Dad's memory to the Basement Project, we have set up a memory giving link: <https://www.memorygiving.com/petercollins3>
Thank you from us all.

NB The service will be live streamed – if you would like the link please contact Dave

Carole Trigger : Recognition service for 40 years of Local Preaching

The service to mark and celebrate Carole's 40 years' service as a Local Preacher will take

place at Catshill on Sunday 11th May at 10.30am. Please come and join in with this special service, which will include Holy Communion.

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 **April 15th**

BaC-Up (Bereaved and Carer's Group)

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday April 29th** 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!

Food for the Basement

We continue to collect food for the Basement at café church services and they always need UHT milk, tinned meat balls & Fray Bentos pies.

An opportunity in the village we could be supporting as an Eco & inclusive Church

Chadsgrove Cosy Cafe is every Tuesday & Wednesday at the village hall 10.30 - 12. Please do go and support the young people from the college. On Tuesday 6th May - they have a sign along session, helpful for those who use Makaton to aid communication.

Letter of thanks from Siperire Mugadzaweta

Siperire's letter of thanks can still be viewed on the News & Events page of the website.

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 **April 17th** in the church

ECO church information & top tips

Did you know over 8000 tons of waste is generated each year from Easter Eggs card & packaging each year. Remember to scrunch the foil before recycling and put the paper/cardboard into your household recycling bin.

Rendezvous

The next event will be Howard Drury talking about "The Wildlife Garden" on **April 24th**. All welcome at 10 a.m. for coffee.

Dates of Coach Trips 2025

31st May – Weston super Mare

13th September – Cardiff

25th October – Cotswolds

Other dates for your diary

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

Worship Dates for your Diary

Sunday 27th April - Morning worship led by Deacon Janet Thomas

Sunday 4th May - Morning worship led by John Legge

OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS

Peckwood Bluebell - Walk Cream Teas 2025

Volunteers are needed to help serve cream teas at the above event on Bank Holiday Monday, May 5th between 12 and 3 pm. It is hoped that if enough people volunteer then it should only mean serving on a rota for 30 minutes! More details from Jackie Russell (jim_russell@btinternet.com) or Ruth Wilson (ruth.wilson@methodist.org.uk)

Singing Together for Worship Together...

...on Trinity Sunday 15th 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*).

Fundraising concert at Bromsgrove...

...by Warley Male Voice Choir this Saturday 12th April. Details on the attached poster (*email copies only*).

Peckwood Forest Easter events

There are events planned for Peckwood from Thursday 17th to Easter Day (20th). Details on the attached leaflet (*email copies only*).

Ukulele event at Emmanuel

Usual Suspects, a lively ukulele band, will be playing at Emmanuel Church on May 3rd. Details on the attached (*email copies only*) and tickets should be acquired by May 1st.

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_event/s/circuit-summer-events/

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Message from Rev Ruth Wilson

This year's District Ordinand's Testimony service is at Dale Street Methodist Church in Leamington Spa on Thursday 22nd May at 7.30pm. The ordinand is Rev. Tina Brooker. Although Tina isn't a probationer in our Circuit, she will be known to many as during her time at Queens we were her link Circuit, particularly at Alcester and on our Circuit Plan. She also spent a couple of months shadowing me in my section of The Bridge, Rowney Green and at that time Crabbs Cross, so she's been around the Circuit a lot. Please feel free to come and support and affirm her on this occasion. Many thanks Ruth

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 April 24th 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>

Why do we have Easter Eggs at Easter?

It is believed that Easter eggs originated because the outside of the egg looks hard, like stone, but inside there is new life, which is going to break out. The Easter egg is therefore a reminder that Jesus will rise from behind the hard stone of His tomb entrance and bring new life.

HAPPY EASTER.