



Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God
Welcome Everyone
Serve the Community**

Newsletter: March 13th – 27th 2025

OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

Sunday 16th March - Café style church with the Mission Praise Band led by James Knott

Sunday 23rd March - Morning worship led by Deacon Janet Thomas

Worship plans also available here:

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

Thank you from the Masters family

The family of the late Arnold Masters wish to thank everyone who contributed to the collection after Arnold's recent funeral. The sum of £250 has now been passed to the Basement Project. Thank you.

Lent liturgy, study & cuppa with Janet & Jess

These continue as a prayerful discussion time during Lent, using the Methodist Church resource "Soul Food". Mondays 17th March - 14th April (except April 7th). All welcome 🙏.

Daffodils & Easter Eggs!

We will be making Daffodil posies during Friday 28th March coffee shop ready for Mothering Sunday. Feel free to come and help. Also you can bring Easter Eggs on Mothering Sunday for the Basement project. The clients really appreciate this gesture.

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 **March 18th**

BaC-Up (Bereaved and Carer's Group)

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday March 25th** 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 & their thanks

We're continuing to collect food for the Basement at café church services and they always need UHT milk, tinned meat balls & Fray Bentos pies. We received this message from them: "I am writing on behalf of the clients, staff and volunteers at The Basement Project to thank you for your recent donation to our food bank. We are very grateful to the congregation and supporters of Catshill Methodist Church for your ongoing support for our charity. Our work continues apace and the support of the local community is very much appreciated and valued. Thank you again."

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

1) The village Orchards, located next to the cycle path is having its Grand opening on Friday 21st March, at 11am by the local MP. Please do go down and show your support.

2) 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.

Giving to the church

Speak to Helen Blundell if you would like weekly envelopes for the collection plate (if you already use them see Helen for next year's envelopes) or to sign a gift aid form (if you pay tax). Also speak to Helen if you have signed a gift aid form and have changed your address or no longer pay tax. If you would like to give via standing order then please see Martin. Or you can just continue to give what you can in the weekly offertory. However you give, thank you for your support

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 **March 20th** in the church

ECO church information & top tips

Thank you to everyone who has helped us fundraise towards Zambuko Ra Jehovah. We have now sent £4750 to the charity. We are now thinking about who we, as an Eco Church, could support overseas next year. Please let us know of any suggestions? Ideas to Jess please!

Rendezvous

The next event will be about Allergies and Homeopathy on **March 27th**. All welcome at 10 for coffee.

Gladys, Sue & Dave's Birthday Bash

Gladys, Sue and Dave all have birthdays towards the end of March (don't tell anyone but they are all 75!). They'll be celebrating on **Saturday 22nd March** at coffee shop with lots of cakes and all proceeds for The Basement. In addition to the cakes there will be a 'Name Game' and a Chocolate Tombola. Donations of all things chocolate, large or small, for prizes, will be most gratefully received before the day. Cake and chocolate..... what could be better?! Thank you in anticipation.

Dates of Coach Trips 2025

31st May – Weston super Mare

13th September – Cardiff

25th October – Cotswolds

Worship Dates for your Diary

Sunday 30th March - Communion service led by Rev Anne Smith

Sunday 6th April - Baptismal Service led by Rev Latika Singh

OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS

Circuit Lent & Easter Services

A full list of circuit Lent & Easter services is on the attached poster (*email copies only*). It is also on our website in the "Worship" section.

On Line Lent Study Group

"One Long Thursday into Friday: An exploration of the deep themes of the Thursday of Holy Week." There is so much that happens on the Thursday of Holy Week in terms of teaching, activities and events. And the different Gospel writers all explore it slightly differently. In addition, it is just one of the days of Holy week and we might simply pass it by in the rush from Palm Sunday to Easter Day. This lent group provides the opportunity to dwell in this day and give the themes of Thursday due consideration.

When?: 7.30 - 8.45pm on 5 Thursday evenings from 13th March to 10th April.

Where?: Online, via Zoom. The group is offered as a means for those unable to join a physically gathered group during lent to have an online opportunity to do so.

Who? Rev Stephen Levett will host the group and provide the primary and initial study input. From then on all group attendees who

choose to will be encouraged to share in the ensuing conversation. The people of the Bromsgrove & Redditch Circuit, and anyone they care to personally invite, are welcome to be part of the group.

To indicate your interest and to receive the Zoom meeting log-in details please email revlev66@gmail.com.

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 and a taster session on March 8th. 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>

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Young Adult Pilgrimage of Peace 2025 - South Korea

There is an opportunity for 18-35 year olds to apply for a fully funded place to join the World Methodist Council to visit South Korea for a Pilgrimage of Peace this summer. The deadline to apply is March 14th. If interested in applying, email Vicky in the Global Relationships Team by Thursday 6th March to arrange an initial conversation at roylev@methodistchurch.org.uk

A SHORT PRAYER

Another short prayer that speaks volumes:

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

Notices and News to Dave Morgan at meandi@btinternet.com by 5 p.m. on Thursday March 27th 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>