



Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God
Welcome Everyone
Serve the Community**

Newsletter: May 8th – May 22nd 2025

OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

Sunday 11th May - Communion service with Mission Praise Band led by Rev Steve Levett

Sunday 18th May - Café style church led by James Knott

Worship plans also available here:

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

CANCELLED – Hazel Masters' 96th party

Unfortunately, following a short stay in hospital, Hazel Masters' 96th birthday party, planned for May 17th, has been **CANCELLED** by her family.

Carole Trigger : Recognition service for 40 years of Local Preaching

The service to 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.

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 13th**

BaC-Up (Bereaved and Carer's Group)

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday May 27th** 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 15th** in the church

ECO church information & top tips

It's Hedgehog awareness week! Did you know placing shallow dishes of fresh clean water around your garden can be a lifeline to thirsty creatures like hedgehogs, birds and bees! If you also add a few clean pebbles other insects can perch and safely drink too!

Rendezvous

The next event will be a meal out at the Golf Course on **May 22nd**.

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

Dave & Di's garden opening dates

Dave & Di's garden will be open again for the National Garden Scheme on **Sun May 18th** and **Mon May 26th** from 1.30 pm to 5 pm. £4 admission and refreshments available.

Coffee Shop News

We really appreciate the support we get from you and thanks to this we donated over £4000 to various charities in 2024. THANK YOU. There is a list on the hatch doors showing which charities were donated to. If you have a charity you would like us to support, please let one of the committee know. Our next fundraiser will be for Christian Aid on **Sat. May 17th** – see below for more details.

From the Coffee Shop Committee

Christian Aid coffee morning/cooking demo

Join us for our Christian Aid coffee morning with an Eco Flavour on **Sat 17th May** from 10a.m. until 2p.m. It will include a plant sale & seed swap, teacakes, Meat Free cooking demonstrations, and a taster lunch. Latika will be producing a chickpea, butternut squash and spinach curry and Jess providing a vegetarian spaghetti bol for tasting and will also make one as a demonstrations as well. Everyone welcome.

Website Gallery & Archives

Don't forget to check these out:

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

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

Worship Dates for your Diary

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

Sunday 1st June – Morning Worship led by John Webb

OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS

Sally Meredith has a clavino available

Sally Meredith has a clavino that is available free to a good home, ideally for a child that would like to learn to play (Sally's 3 children learnt on it). It is about 15 years old, but it is in good working order. Any interest please contact Sally direct. If you don't have Sally's details then send an email to Dave.

Music from the 80's to the Noughties...

...at Alcester Church has been **POSTPONED** until August 22nd. See attached poster (*email copies only*).

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*).

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

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*)

A prayer for God's justice

O God, how long? How long must we wait to see your justice lifted high? How long must we groan under oppression and injustice? The poor get poorer, and the rich get richer. Help us to sing a new song. Help us, through your Holy Spirit, to sing your song of a world renewed, of dignity freely given, of right living between sibling and sibling. But it begins with me. It begins with my willingness to partner with the God of all the earth. Help us to see the riches you have placed within us and let us add our voices to the song all creation longs to sing. Then our souls shall truly magnify the Lord, today and always. Amen.

Sonia Hicks, District Chair, Northampton District

Notices and News to Dave Morgan at meandi@btinternet.com by 5 p.m. on Thursday May 22nd 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>