



Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God
Welcome Everyone
Serve the Community**

Newsletter: December 11th 2025 – Jan. 1st 2026

**Yes! That is 3 weeks as 2 weeks would mean
the next one would be due Christmas Day!**

OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

**Sunday 14th December - Morning worship led
by James Knott with the Mission Praise band**

**Sunday 14th December at 4 pm– Afternoon
“Blue Christmas” service led by Rev Ruth Fry
(see separate note below)**

**Sunday 21st December - Communion Service
~~and Café style church~~ led by Rev Anne Smith**

**Sunday 21st December at 6 pm - Candlelight
Carol Service led by Rev Ruth Fry**

**Wednesday 24th December at 4 pm
(Christmas Eve) - Christingle Service led by
Rev Ruth Fry**

**Thursday 25th December at 11 am (Christmas
Day) - Christmas Morning Service led by Rev
Ruth Fry & Dave Morgan (Note new start time)**

**Sunday 28th December - Morning Worship
led by John Webb**

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

Blue Christmas service (Dec. 14th at 4 pm)...

...is a service for those who find Christmas
time difficult. If you have lost a loved one, or
are struggling, join us for this reflective service

Christingles

A box is available in the porch for donations
of soft sweets & raisins ready for Christingle.
We'll be making the Christingles on **Tuesday
23rd Dec.** at **9.30am**. All welcome to help.

December 21st morning worship change

Please note that the morning service on
December 21st is now NOT café church as
previously advertised.

New Year study sessions with Rev Ruth

In the New Year Rev Ruth Fry will be leading a
study session on Monday evenings starting on
5th January at 7pm for 6 weeks. All welcome.

Coffee Shop closed over Christmas

Please note that the Coffee Shop will be
CLOSED on Fri. & Sat. **December 26th & 27th**

Rendezvous

The next meeting is on **Thursday Dec. 18th**
when Colin and friends will bring some music
from the 60's and a couple of Christmas
songs. All welcome from 10am for coffee.

Please note Rendezvous **WILL** meet on **Jan 1st**
for a general social to start the New Year.

Prayer Group

The last prayer group meeting of the year will
be on **December 16th**. No dates have been
set for the New Year.

Men's Group

The next men's group meeting is planned for
December 15th at Dave & DI's (time tba). It
will be a fun horse racing evening (using
funny money not real folding stuff!). If you
haven't booked a place and want to come
please speak to Dave as space is limited!

How to have an Eco Christmas 🌱❤️

1. Turn off your Christmas lights when you're
not in/overnight.
2. Use last year's Christmas cards as gift tags
on the gifts you are giving.
3. Plan your meals, by checking your
cupboards and freezer first.
4. Shop locally for any last minute things you
need.
5. Scrunch test your wrapping paper. If it
scrunches it's recyclable. If it unfolds it's not.

Coffee shop December dates for your diary!

Dec 13th: Carols round the piano - our annual
Christmas Jumper Day and Carols Round the
Piano is on Dec 13th 10am – midday.
Christmas jumpers are optional. Wear
something else Christmassy if you want - be
creative! We guarantee good company,
Christmas carols, drinks, games and mince-
pies in abundance! All proceeds will go to
Save the Children. Please come along and
join us for this always enjoyable morning.

BaC-Up (Bereaved and Carer's Group)

There is no BaC-Up meeting in December. So
our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 27th Jan
2026** at 2.30 pm. All carers, present and past,
and anyone bereaved at any time welcome.
Join us for chat, coffee/tea & cake.

Dates for 2026 events & coach trips

Events:

10th January – Curling Evening 6.00pm with Chilli and Jacket Potato £5

Coach Trips:

30th May – Ross-on-Wye & Monmouth

12th September - Windsor

31st October - Bridgnorth and Ludlow

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 10.30-12 on **Jan 8th** in the porch.

Beware of scams!

Rev Anne's son, David, has kindly sent over two sheets with what to look out for to avoid being caught on a scam – these are attached (*email copies only*). Thanks Anne

Worship Dates for your Diary

Sunday 4th January - Morning Worship led by Rev Anne Smith

Sunday 11th January - Morning worship led by Di Ross with the Mission Praise band

OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS

Circuit Advent study last meeting

The last of Deacon Janet Thomas's Advent bible study will be on **December 18th** at 11am for an hour at Bromsgrove Methodist Church. All encouraged to attend.

Circuit service date for your diary in 2026

There will be a Circuit Service on **Sunday 22nd February** 6pm at Bromsgrove. The focus will be Celebrating Service.

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB) latest

MWiB have sent out material for general distribution which includes:

- Winter 2025 Newsletter
- MWiB Prayer Diary Dec – Feb
- Winter 2025 contact page
- MWiB Prayer Diary Dec - Feb

These are all attached to these notices (*email copies only*).

MWiB have a website - www.mwib.org.uk and social media – Facebook and Instagram – plus a YouTube channel for useful resources to share with local groups.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

A prayer for comfort and strength

Lord Jesus Christ, in times of loneliness may we be comforted by your presence. In days of affliction may we be fortified with your strength. In hours of despair may we be raised up through your love. Amen.

Marie Bernarde Soubirous (1844-1879)

Notices and News to Dave Morgan at meandi@btinternet.com by 5 p.m. on

Thursday January 1st 2026 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>

We wish you and happy, joyful and meaningful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

