



Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God
Welcome Everyone
Serve the Community**

Newsletter: October 16th – 30th 2025

OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

Sunday 19th October - Café style church led by Martin Tingle

Sunday 26th October - Morning worship with Baptism led by Rev Ruth Fry

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

Coffee Rota on Sundays after worship

The Sunday coffee rota seems to be falling to the same few people each week. Could YOU help? It would be good if a few others could sign up if possible. The rota is on the board in the porch. Thank you.

Men's Group

The next meeting of the "Men's group" will be on **Friday Nov 21st 1-3pm** in the church and will be "Art for beginners". If you would like more information please speak to Dave.

Rendezvous

The next meeting is on **Thursday October 23rd** when the subject is St. Andrew's Hand Bells with Louise Robinson, commencing at 10 am for coffee. All welcome.

Date of last Coach Trip in 2025

25th October – Cotswolds

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 **October 21st**.

BaC-Up (Bereaved and Carer's Group)

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 28th Oct** at 2.30 pm. All carers, present and past, and anyone bereaved at any time welcome. Join us for chat, coffee/tea & cake.

ECO church information & top tips

People are often quick to bag up fallen leaves as if they're a problem. But they aren't. They are the foundation of healthy soil. Left on the ground, leaves break down into nutrient-rich organic matter. They feed trees, insulate roots from extreme weather, and even provide shelter for pollinators. In other words, they're one of nature's simplest, free gifts. And all it takes is leaving them where they are.

Note from Dave: However rake them off your lawn or shred them with a mower on a high setting as complete leaves can damage the grass by not letting light in, and also brush them off paths etc. as they can become slippery in winter. More info here:

<https://www.themiddlesizedgarden.co.uk/leave-the-leaves-the-new-easy-way-to-deal-with-autumn-gardens/>

Coffee shop December dates for your diary!

Dec 6th: Bromsgrove Strings Christmas Concert

Dec 13th: Carols round the piano

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 **October 30th** in the porch

Light Party

We will be having a Light Party holiday club on **Monday 27th October**, 2-3pm for children with additional needs & 3-5pm for all other children. We will have lights, music and party food. To book a space please contact Sally Meredith on 07884 191101.

Quiz Saturday 8th November 1.00 pm

Once again we will be having one of Dave Morgan's famous quizzes with PowerPoint presentation and questions suitable for all ages and abilities on **Saturday 8th November** at 1.00 pm (after coffee shop) in the church. There will be frankfurter hot dogs and cold drink available. The price will be £4 to include refreshments. We do need to have a good idea of numbers, so if you are want to attend, please sign the list in the porch. If you require a vegetarian option please indicate. Come as an individual (and join a team) or a team (6 max).

Key amnesty!

As part of our ongoing safeguarding checks we have been doing a "Key Audit". If you have any church keys you no longer need please hand them to Dave Morgan. Thanks

Worship Dates for your Diary

Sunday 2nd November - Morning worship led by James Knott

Sunday 9th November at 4 pm - Peace Service led by Rev Anne Smith

Please note there is no morning worship as there's a Remembrance Service in the village

Food for the Basement

We continue to collect food for the Basement at café church services, especially tinned meat balls & Fray Bentos pies.

OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS

Last chance to see Steve in Panto?

Attached (*email copies only*) is a poster about what might be your last chance to see our Superintendent Minister, Steve Levett, in a local panto! Don't miss this chance!

Saturday 18th Oct fundraiser at Bromsgrove

There will be a fund-raising Fashion Show and Discount Clothing Sale (up to 75% off well-known High Street brands) at Bromsgrove Methodist Centre on Oct 18th, to support the work of Bromsgrove and Redditch Welcome Refugees. Doors open 1.30pm: Show at 2pm. Tickets £8 to include refreshments, from info@brwr.uk or at the door.

Peckwood Forest Activities

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

THOUGHTS & PRAYERS FOR TODAY

Question: Are modern day prayers better than ones from the past? Not always:

On Sunday 12th, Rev Steve Levett, taking the Communion Service at Catshill, started with what is known as the Collect for Purity, and suggested it was a good one for us to learn in addition to the Lord's Prayer. It is believed to originate, in Latin, from the 10th century, and Thomas Cranmer, one time Archbishop of Canterbury during the reigns of Henry VIII, Edward VI and, for a short time, Mary I in the 16th century, is credited as translating the prayer into English. The prayer is:

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets
are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily
magnify your holy Name; through Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

...and here's one from the 12th century:

**We offer you our hands, O Lord, to do your
work, our lips to sing your praise, our life to
proclaim your glory and our heart to serve
you in our neighbourhood; for Jesu's sake.
Amen.**

Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)

**Notices and News to Dave Morgan at
meandi@btinternet.com by 5 p.m. on
Thursday October 30th 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>