



# Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God  
Welcome Everyone  
Serve the Community**

Newsletter – February 15<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> 2024

## **OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS**

**WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)**

**Sunday 18th February (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent)  
- Café Church led by Sally Meredith**

**Sunday 25th February – Morning Worship  
led by Rev Anne Smith**

Worship plans also available here:

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

### **Sheila Collins' Celebration Service**

If you couldn't make Sheila's celebration service on January 31<sup>st</sup> you can still watch it on You Tube. Click on or type in this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BgQUMiOV3gc>

### **BaC-Up (Bereaved and Carer's Group)**

The next meeting of this group will be on **Tuesday February 27<sup>th</sup>** at 2.30 pm, the subject being Valentine's Day origins and stories! Come and bring any of your own stories, reminisces and/or memorabilia. The group continues to meet on the last Tuesday of each month. Join us for informal chat, coffee/tea & cake!

### **Flower Rota**

The new flower rota for March to May is now on the notice board. Any set dates have already been included. Please take a look and help fill in the empty spaces. If doesn't have to be flowers, a plant is just as acceptable. There is flower paper in the cupboard in the porch for you to wrap the flowers to give out after the Sunday service. If you would like to have a set date during the year, please see Jan and she will include it for you.

## **Website News**

I have made some changes to our website including adding a page called "Archives" where you will find photos and other items from the last 90+ years. More interesting photos/articles etc welcome.

## **Easter Eggs for The Basement**

We will again be collecting Easter Eggs for the Basement this year. To allow the Basement team time to get them to clients for Easter please bring any to the service on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

## **Coffee Shop**

We are continuing with warm spaces until further notice, which means we are open until 1.30 on a Friday with soup and toast being served from noon. There is no cost for this although donations are welcome.

## **Lent course**

Our Lent course will start on **Wednesday 21st February** at 7.30pm in the church and each Wednesday until Easter. It is based on the TV series The Chosen. We will watch an episode then discuss what it means to 'be chosen' by focusing on our journey with Jesus through the eyes of real people who lived with him. Jesus transformed their lives. Image what it would be like walking on a dusty road with Jesus and think of the people we could relate to and through their stories and lives we can identify with everything that life offers us and how lives can be transformed by Jesus. You don't have to come to each one but it would be more beneficial if you attend more than one.

## **Rendezvous**

The next meeting is **Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup>** when Samantha Hope will be talking about "Plants with a story". All welcome at 10 am for coffee.

Rendezvous are arranging a coach trip to Stratford on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June**. If anyone would like to join them, you would be more than welcome. Cost is £20 and the coach leaves from the church (time tba). See Tricia, Malcolm, Brenda or Chris Green if interested.

## 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. Next meeting **Tuesday February 27<sup>th</sup>**

## "Friday Night In"

Our next event is on **Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>** – with kids games at 5pm and a "grown ups" movie at 7pm. A warm meal will be served around 6.30pm, for everyone there, plus snacks and drinks will be available during the evening. Future dates:

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** - Film night

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April** - Curry night

All welcome to all events.

## Busy Bees

Busy Bees is an informal group sharing ideas & encouragement on a wide range of craft projects. All are welcome. The next meeting will be at 10.30-12.30 in the church on **February 29<sup>th</sup>** and then fortnightly after that.

## ECO church information & top tips

Our Church compost is up and running and located by the gate at the right of the church. Everyone is welcome to bring their vegetables peeling etc and pop them inside!

## Coach Trips

The planned coach trips for 2024 are:

**8<sup>th</sup> June: Weston super Mare**

**14<sup>th</sup> Sept: Cambridge**

**9<sup>th</sup> Nov: Cheltenham**

Names to Tricia (or any committee member) asap for the first trip.

## More Dates for your Diary

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Morning Worship led by Sarah Leeson**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March - Café Church style Worship led by Deacon Janet Thomas & the Mission Praise band (and collection of Easter Eggs for the Basement)**

**Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday morning service to include Jerusalem Joy.**

**Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup> - Maundy Thursday 7pm service with communion led by Rev Latika Singh**

**Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday 12 noon lunch (soup and roll) followed at 1.45pm by a Good Friday service led by Rev Latika Singh.**

## Annual Church Meeting (ACM)

Our church ACM will be on **April 14<sup>th</sup>** after morning worship.

## National Garden Scheme (NGS) leaflets

2024 leaflets giving details of gardens open (including Di & Dave's) to raise money for charity under the NGS system are now available in the porch.

## OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS

### Crabbs Cross Silent Auction

Crabbs Cross are holding a "Silent Auction" on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. More details on the attached poster (*email copies only*).

### Peckwood Forest Activities

More details about Peckwood Forest Space can be found here:

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

### Live streamed services from Studley

<https://www.youtube.com/@studleymethodistchurch/streams>

## PRAYER FOR TODAY

Lord, thank you for your love. A love that empowers me, surrounds me and lifts me up when I am down. A love that gives me strength when I am weak and enables me to forgive. Help me to share your amazing love with all I meet. Amen.

**Notices and News to Dave Morgan at [meandi@btinternet.com](mailto:meandi@btinternet.com) by 5 p.m. on Thursday February 29<sup>th</sup> please**

*If you are reading a printed copy of this and would like it on email please let Dave Morgan know.*

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