



Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God
Welcome Everyone
Serve the Community**

Newsletter: March 27th – April 10th 2025

OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

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

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

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

Peter Collins

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Peter Collins on March 23rd. Our thoughts and prayers go to daughters Pippa, Rachel and Helena and the whole family at this sad time. Details of the funeral arrangements to follow.

Thank you from the Big Birthday Bash group!

Gladys, Sue & Dave would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who came to their Big Birthday Bash, everyone who donated or made items for it, and all those who worked so hard on the day. The total raised for the Basement currently stands at a magnificent £785.11- but may still go higher!

Stan Taylor's funeral

Stan, a local preacher based in the Redditch end of the circuit, but preached at Catshill occasionally, passed away aged 97 in March. His funeral will be on April 8th at 12 noon at Emmanuel – all welcome.

More archive material on the website

There's a new page of photos on the website of pictures from Sheila's albums. Go to the Archive page and select "Go" as directed.

Lent liturgy, study & cuppa with Janet & Jess

These continue as a prayful discussion time during Lent, using the Methodist Church resource "Soul Food". Mondays until 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 **April 1st**

BaC-Up (Bereaved and Carer's Group)

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday April 29th** 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

We continue to collect food for the Basement at café church services and they always need UHT milk, tinned meat balls & Fray Bentos pies.

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

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 (if you already use them see Helen for next year's supply) 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. However you give thank you for your support.

Letter of thanks from Siperire Mugadzaweta

We have received a thank you letter from Siperire for our funding of the ECO project to provide a borehole and Solar powered water pump that enables the filling of a 5,000 litre water tank, together with protective fencing at Zambuko Ra Jehova in Zimbabwe. This, she says will have a profound impact to the lives of the vulnerable orphaned children's education. You can read the full letter which is attached (*to email copies only*) and is also on the website on the News & Events page.

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 **April 3rd** in the church

ECO church information & top tips

By growing your own vegetables in your garden or planting a tree, you'll be adding more oxygen into the atmosphere whilst enjoying home grown produce. You'll also be providing a space for birds & other wildlife.

Rendezvous

The next event will be with the "Mustn't Grumble Music Group" on **April 10th**. All welcome at 10 a.m. for coffee.

Dates of Coach Trips 2025

31st May – Weston super Mare

13th September – Cardiff

25th October – Cotswolds

Other dates for your diary

We'll be hosting a cream tea on **Saturday, 28th June** at Church from 2 - 4pm. More details later

Worship Dates for your Diary

Sunday 13th April - Palm Sunday service with Mission Praise Band led by Dave Morgan

Sunday 20th April - Easter Day café style service with communion 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.

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

3-Generate Volunteer sign up opportunities

3Generate volunteer sign-ups are now open – and there truly is a place for everyone to volunteer, no matter your experience, skills, or ability. We have a wide range of roles including working directly with young people in venues, stewarding, and registration. Find out about all the available roles, and sign up at <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/ministries/children-youth-family-ministry/3generate/join-the-delivery-team/>

Message from Rev Ruth Wilson

This year's District Ordinand's Testimony service is at Dale Street Methodist Church in Leamington Spa on Thursday 22nd May at 7.30pm. The ordinand is Rev. Tina Brooker. Although Tina isn't a probationer in our Circuit, she will be known to many as during her time at Queens we were her link Circuit, particularly at Alcester and on our Circuit Plan. She also spent a couple of months shadowing me in my section of The Bridge, Rowney Green and at that time Crabbs Cross, so she's been around the Circuit a lot. Please feel free to come and support and affirm her on this occasion. Many thanks Ruth

A prayer for new hearts

Give us a new heart, O God, free enough to live by faith, brave enough to endure in hope and generous enough to love without limit. Amen

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Notices and News to Dave Morgan at meandi@btinternet.com by 5 p.m. on Thursday April 10th 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>