



# Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God  
Welcome Everyone  
Serve the Community**

Newsletter : August 29<sup>th</sup> – September 12<sup>th</sup> 2024

## OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

**Sunday 1st September - Morning Worship  
led by James Knott**

**Sunday 8th September - Morning Worship  
incl. the blessing of Ian Athey and Gillian  
Leach on the theme of "Commitment &  
Love" led by Rev Latika Singh with Rev Jo  
Cox-Darling and Rev Anne Smith plus the  
Mission Praise band**

Worship plans also available here:

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

### Mr Geoff Neal

A reminder that a Service of Thanksgiving  
for the life of Geoff Neal will be on **13<sup>th</sup>  
September** at 2.30pm at our church.

### Christmas Experience

The next meeting for those interested in  
helping with the Christmas Experience,  
planned for Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup>, will be on  
**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept.** at 3pm in the porch.

### Rendezvous

The next meeting is **September 5<sup>th</sup>** when  
Terry Green will talk about Hedgehogs  
(there are no meetings in August). All  
welcome at 10 am for coffee.

### Wednesday Aaradhana Group

The Aaradhana group will meet in the  
manse, at 7:30pm on **18<sup>th</sup> September**. All  
welcome to join in this midweek group for  
Christian fellowship, conversation, Bible  
study and more.

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

The next meeting of this group will be on  
**Tuesday September 24<sup>th</sup>** at 2.30 pm. The

group meets 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!

### Prayer Group

Prayer group will resume on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
September** at 10 a.m. and then continues  
fortnightly. All are welcome.

### Busy Bees

Busy Bees is an informal group sharing  
ideas & encouragement on a wide range  
of craft projects. All are welcome. Next  
meeting will be at 10.30-12.30 on  
**September 12<sup>th</sup>** in the church and then  
fortnightly.

### Young at Heart

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each  
month at 7.15pm for a friendly informal  
meeting with speakers or crafting. It's £2  
for each meeting which includes  
tea/coffee and chocolate biscuits. All  
welcome. The subject for **September 10<sup>th</sup>**  
is 'How to and why make wills and power  
of attorney decisions and any other legal  
help that we would like to know about.'  
Anyone who wants to get free legal  
advice please come along.

### ECO church information & top tips

It is estimated that an average of 35.8  
million plastic bottles are used EVERY DAY  
in the UK, but only 19.8 million are  
recycled each day. This means there are  
on average 16 million plastic bottles a  
day not going into the recycling bin.  
Remind your friends and family to keep  
hold of them until they can pop them in  
their recycling or swap to a reusable  
bottle.

### Coach Trips

The planned coach trips for 2024 are:  
**14<sup>th</sup> Sept: Cambridge– leaves 9 am** (full)  
**9<sup>th</sup> Nov: Cheltenham £20 – leaves 9.30 am**  
Names to Tricia or committee member).

### Dates for your diary

Quiz night on **Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> October** 6 pm  
at Church. Bring your own food.

There will be a Kurling evening on  
**Saturday, 11th January 2025.**

### Coffee shop planned events

Macmillan Coffee Morning **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

Choir Concert - **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept.** with both the Men's and the general choir

Strings orchestra concert - **October 26<sup>th</sup>.**

Children in Need - **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Performance from the Platform Players (schoolchildren playing music) **Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> 11.30-12.30.**

Christmas Music with the Strings Orchestra **Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> 11am to midday**

Carols around the Piano/Christmas Jumper Day - **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

### From Colin & Ashley Brown and family

As a family, we wanted to give you an update on the funds raised since Judith's passing. A total of over £800 was kindly donated by friends, family and members of the Methodist community, which went to The Basement Project. Some of this was raised by selling clothes via Vinted, and one of Judith's body warmers went to the Isle of Islay in Scotland, other bits went to London, and various UK towns and cities. Judith had a beautiful piano which she had as a 21st birthday present and this has gone to a Methodist member's grandson, so it will still be played to another generation. A keyboard went to a young lady studying music and was also in an operatic society, and another went to a local lady who found music so beneficial for her mental health she wanted to play again. This week Colin took down to the Basement items they are always needing - nappies, formula milk, baby care, and this alone came to £200, so altogether £1000 was donated to a cause close to Judith's heart. We also gave a huge amount of Judith's crafting supplies to Chadsgrove School, and friends and family, and mobility aids were given to those in need. Judith gave so much to others during her lifetime it felt right to give as much as we could to those who needed it most. Thank you from Colin and Ashley and family.

### More Dates for your Diary

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September - Morning Worship led by John Webb**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September - Morning Worship led by Sally Meredith**

**Harvest this year is on October 20<sup>th</sup>.**

### OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS

#### Circuit Changes

There will be a number of changes in our circuit staffing from September 2024. A briefing document is available for anyone to read – please speak to a steward or member of the church council (or myself) if you want to see a copy. Dave Morgan

#### Beth Parry fundraising event

Beth Parry, the daughter of the late Alan Parry from Crabbs Cross Church, is going to the Philippines as part of her medical elective. To help raise the money needed she is having a fantastic fundraising event at Emmanuel on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept.** More details on the attached JPEGs (*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>

#### PRAYER FOR TODAY

##### **A prayer for peace in our hearts**

Let your peace rule in our hearts, O Lord that we may delight in your strength, rejoice in your grace and find our fulfilment in your will; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Matthew Henry (1662-1714)*

**Notices and News to Dave Morgan at [meandi@btinternet.com](mailto:meandi@btinternet.com) by 5 p.m. on Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup> please**

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

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