



Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God
Welcome Everyone
Serve the Community**

Newsletter: September 24th – October 8th 2026

OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

Sunday 27th September - Communion

Service led by Rev Ruth Fry and the Mission Praise band

Sunday 4th October - Morning Worship led by James Knott (*please note change of preacher – was to be Deacon Janet Thomas*).

Sunday 4th October at 3 pm – Baptism of Milana Yvonne (Dave's great great niece!) – all welcome.

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

Bob Martin

It is with deep sadness we announce that Jan's husband Bob passed away on Friday 18th September. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jan and her family.

Chris Tristram

Chris's funeral will be on Thursday October 1st at 2.45 pm at Redditch Crematorium, and followed by refreshments at our church. All are welcome. Please support Brenda and all Chris's family at this sad time.

Musical in a Day

...is an afternoon/evening of singing, acting, sharing and enjoying "The Inn Crowd" a musical by Roger Jones – the nativity through the eyes of the inn keeper and his wife. Starts at 12 noon. Bring your own lunch! Free event – see poster attached (*email copies only*)

BaC-Up (Bereaved and Carer's Group)

The next BaC-Up meeting will be 2.30 pm on **Tuesday 29th Sept**. Our subject for discussion will be "**What my Mother/Father told me!**" like "eating carrots will enable you to see in the dark!" All carers, present and past, and anyone bereaved at any time welcome.

Coffee Shop Events

Our next Coffee shop fundraisers will be the Macmillan Coffee Morning which will take place on **2nd & 3rd October**. As well as drinks and cakes we will have a bring and buy sale. Any donations of cakes will be very much appreciated. Other dates after that are...

Friday 13th November: Children in Need Day

Saturday 19th December: Carols around the Piano/Christmas Jumper Day.

Thanks to all from the coffee shop committee

Worship consultation...

Is on **Monday 28th September** at 7.30pm on zoom - discussing December- February plan including Christmas services. Would you like to be involved in the discussion? Let Jess know if you'd like the zoom link.

Christmas Experience planning

We have 4½ full days of our Christmas Experience planned again this year. If you would like to be involved as a guide, story teller, or behind the scenes. Our first meeting is **Sunday 18th October** 3pm in the cafe area.

Volunteers roles that need filling

1 x Cradle roll secretary

1 x Health & safety lead

1 x Church steward

Could you be the missing part of our team? Speak to Jess to find out more.

Harvest Festival Photos

If you missed the Harvest Festival there are 2 or 3 photos at www.catshillmethodists.org.uk Follow the link from the Home page.

Rendezvous

The next meeting of Rendezvous is Nigel Metcalfe talking about "Crumbs! A History of our favourite tea time treat!" on **Thursday October 8th**. All welcome at 10am for coffee.

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 1st** in the porch.

Eco tip 🌱

Looking for a "greener" search engine? Ecosia is an alternative to Google that plants tree for each search entered and doesn't generate an AI answer 😊

Dates for 2026 coach trips (with prices)

31st October - Bridgnorth and Ludlow £20

Event Dates for your diary

14th November – Quiz (with hot dog lunch)

12th December – Film afternoon after coffee shop. More details later.

Worship Dates for your diary

Sunday 11th October - Communion Service led by Rev David Butterworth

Sunday 18th October - No service at Catshill (Alpha Hub service at Crabbs Cross).

OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS

Peckwood Forest Space Activities

October events at Peckwood include a Forest Church Gathering led by Rev Rachel Borgars on **11th October**; Seeds & Saplings on **October 6th & 20th**; Wandering & Wondering on **October 8th & 22nd**. All welcome. All October events can be found on the attached poster (*email copies only*). More at: <https://www.facebook.com/Peckwood-Forest-Space-107329065639646>

TEAMS4YOU

It's time to start preparing for Christmas for the children in Ukraine, Belarus, Romania, Bosnia and possibly Croatia. If you feel that you could give the children a shoebox with various items in, which would most likely be the only gift that have ever been given then please take a bright orange shoebox from the porch (50p). There will be a leaflet telling you the most suitable items to include in it. I will be very grateful on their behalf. When the box is completed please return it to church and I will collect it and it will be collected from my home, then taken to the Warehouse in Evesham to be checked prior to travelling off to one of the named countries. If you would like to know more please contact me - many of the church stewards have my contact details. Thank you. Gladys Hatton

OTHER NEWS

A talk on Artificial Intelligence...

...with Pete Killingley, author of "A Christian's guide to AI – 12 Biblical Answers to the Questions we're all asking" – at Welcome Hall on **Tuesday 29th September** at 7.45. Free entry. All welcome – see attached poster (*email copies only*)

Tearfund Newsletter

A Word version of the above is attached for anyone interested. Apologies if the layout looks a little strange but it came as the text on an email so I've had to take it off that and add it to a Word document. see *attached email copies only*

Alcester Male Voice Choir Concert...

...on Saturday 3rd October at 6.15 pm – at St. Peter, St. Paul & St. Elizabeth Church at Coughton Court in aid of Alcester Day Centre – tickets £12.50 to include a glass of Prosecco (*see attached email copies only*)

A prayer for peacemakers

Compassionate God, as Rachel wept for her children, so we weep for the children in areas of the world where there is no peace.

We commit to your loving care all peacemakers and peacekeepers, all who risk their lives to help and support those suffering as a result of conflict. Help us, we pray, to do all we can to help bring about a world where peace and justice reign and where sorrow can be turned to joy. Amen.

Elizabeth Burroughs, local preacher and member of the Methodist Peace Fellowship

Methodist Prayers for each day can be found at
<https://www.methodist.org.uk/faith/prayer-for-the-day/>

Notices and News to Dave Morgan at
meandi@btinternet.com by 5 p.m. on
Thursday October 8th 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>