



Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God
Welcome Everyone
Serve the Community**

Newsletter: July 30th – August 13th 2026

OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

**Sunday 2nd August - Morning Worship led by
Rev Ruth Fry with the Mission Praise band**

**Sunday 9th August - No service at Catshill
(Alpha Hub service at Alcester)**

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

Card from Mary MacLeod

We have received a lovely card from Mary MacLeod, who worshipped with us in September to November last year whilst in the area helping her daughter following major cancer surgery. She expresses her gratitude for our kind welcome and concern and warm fellowship at what was a difficult time for her. Her daughter is getting married in August and she wanted to share in that celebration. To that end she has sent £20 for flowers for the church (with any left over to be used to buy coffee and biscuits for after worship as she enjoyed that fellowship too). Di will get the flowers and arrange them for her on August 23rd which is our Pastoral Visitors dedication and communion service led by Rev Ruth – which we think is appropriate. A postcard thanking her for her kind words and gift has been sent to her.

Christening on October 4th at 3 pm (message from Dave)

My great niece, Alanya, my brother's granddaughter, has given birth to a baby girl, Milana and she has asked me to carry out the Christening in our church, which I'm hoping to do with Rev Ruth on **Sunday October 4th at 3 pm**. We would like to invite members of the congregation to join us to support Alanya and Alex and their baby daughter, Milana, and the 2 families, in what we hope will be a wonderful celebration.

Congratulations to Jess Knott...

...on being appointed as the part time Church Pioneer at Peckwood Forest Church with effect from September 1st.

Flowers in Church for Worship

If you would like to go on the rota for flowers, but have someone else arrange them for you, please speak to Di. You provide the money to buy them, but the flowers will be purchased and arranged for you!

Rendezvous

Rendezvous are taking a break until Aug 27th.

BaC-Up (Bereaved and Carer's Group)

There is no BaC-Up meeting in August.

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 **August 6th** in the porch.

Eco fact: 🌸

Did you know a group of ladybirds is called a *loveliness*?

Dates for 2026 coach trips (with prices)

12th September - Windsor £35

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 the rest of August

**Sunday 16th August - A "Local Arrangement"
led by Miriam & Lindsay**

**Sunday 23rd August - Communion Service
led by Rev Ruth Fry**

**Sunday 30th August - Morning Worship led by
Graeme Russell**

OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS

Welcome service for our new Superintendent Minister

The welcome service for Rev Rachel Borgars will be on Tuesday 1st September at 7.30pm at Bromsgrove Methodist Church. All are welcome – come and meet our new "Super".

Peckwood Forest Space Activities

Today and for 3 Thursdays in August, there will be "Forest & Friendship" events at Peckwood Forest Space. See attached for times and details (*email copies only*). Feel free to pass these on. More about Peckwood here:

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

"Finding joy even in life's challenging times"...

...is the title of a talk being given by Christian author & international speaker Kate Nicholas at Emmanuel Church on September 12th from 10 am to 3 pm, cost £10, to include lunch and refreshments throughout the day. The email from Emmanuel states, *"We would like to invite any women from churches in the circuit and their friends and family open to hearing a testimony from author Kate Nicholas. It will be a lovely day of encouragement and fellowship."* More details and tickets available by contacting Sharon (see attached for details (email copies only)).

A PRAYER FOR THE WORLD & THE CHURCH

God, who changes not, we trust in you for our todays and tomorrows. We pray for those with responsibility for making key decisions that might change the direction of world or local events. We pray for those affected by the decisions of others, but who feel powerless in the face of forces of change. We commend to you the decisions that have to be made in your Church, and those charged with making them. Take our gifts and talents, voices and musical worship, Lord, and use them we pray in the service of your kingdom. Amen.

John Morton, supernumary presbyter, Kendal Circuit

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 August 13th 2026 please.

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