

## DIARY

Please let me know of any errors or omissions. *Don*

### October

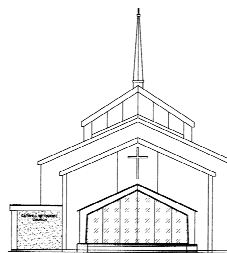
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Thurs 5th	10.00 am	Rendezvous: Hitting the Headline
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Sat 7th	10.00 am	Coffee@CMCC
	10.30 am	Circuit Choir rehearsal at Bromsgrove
8th Oct	10.30 am	Mrs Carole Trigger: JMA & World Church Service led by Ian and Diana Bosman
	6.00 pm	Mr Ian Athey
Tues 10th	7.30 pm	Young at Heart: Willows Hedgehog Rescue
Wed 11th	1.00 pm	Toddlers' Club (ends 3.00 pm)
Fri 13th	10.00 am	Coffee@CMCC
Sat 14th	10.00 am	Coffee@CMCC
	10.30 am	Circuit Choir rehearsal at The Bridge
Sun 15th	10.30 am	Circuit Service - at the Palace Theatre, Redditch
	<b>5.00 pm</b>	Special service to launch 50th anniversary of our church building
Mon 16th	7.00 pm	Prayer for Catshill - see notices
Tues 17th	10.00 am	Prayer Group in the Porch
Wed 18th	1.00 pm	Toddlers' Club (ends 3.00 pm)
	7.30 pm	Refreshments, followed by Worship at 7.45 pm then The CTiB Gathering at Catshill Methodist Church
Thurs 19th	10.00 am	Rendezvous: Di and Dogs
Fri 20th	10.00 am	Coffee@CMCC
Sat 21st	10.00 am	Coffee@CMCC
Sun 22nd	10.30 am	Ms Jackie Hartrey: All-age Worship
	3.45 pm	Messy Church: Isaac

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**Notices to Don Cook by 5.00 pm on Thursdays please.**

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## Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

Notices for 1st October 2017

**Worship God   Welcome everyone   Serve the Community**  
**Be a strong loving Christian presence in our community as we:-**  
**Serve the community of Catshill and beyond.**

If you have recently moved into the area or are visiting, we welcome you. Our minister is Rev Anne Smith (tel: 570437).

If you would like a visit from a minister, or know of someone who would appreciate a visit, please contact one of the stewards.

### 10.00 am - 10.20 am Prayer Meeting in the Hall: All welcome

Preachers:	10.30 am	Rev Anne Smith: Communion Gifts for Basement received
	6.00 pm	Rev Richard Wilde: Communion at Bromsgrove
Pianist:	10.30 am	Helen Blundell
Worship Leader:	10.30 am	Angela Jones
Stewards:	10.30 am	Gillian Stuart & Ian Jones
Vestry Steward:	10.30 am	Hilary Ryder
Screen:	10.30 am	Elizabeth Hilderley
Door Stewards:	10.30 am	Rita & John Lacey
Sunday Club:	10.30 am	Lyn Andrews & Heather Wright
Flowers:		Rita Lacey
Sound:	10.30 am	Ian Jones
Tea/Coffee:	~11.30 am	Fran & Tony Perry
Traidcraft:	~11.30 am	Helen Blundell

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

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Collections last Sunday totalled £354.10, including £293.00 from the envelopes. Giving by direct debit was £321.00.

- \* If you know of anyone who would value our prayers, please write his or her name in the Intercessions Book in the Porch (assuming you have their permission for them to be prayed for publicly), AND add your name after the entry.

## WORSHIP SUNDAY 8th October:

### 10.00 am - 10.20 am Prayer Meeting in the Hall: All welcome

Preachers:	10.30 am	Mrs Carole Trigger: JMA & World Church Service led by Ian and Diana Bosman
	6.00 pm	Mr Ian Athey
Organist:	10.30 am	Judith Brown
	6.00 pm	Disc
Worship Leader:	10.30 am	Sheila Collins
Stewards:	10.30 am	Gillian Stuart & Bill Perkins
	6.00 pm	Dave Morgan
Vestry Steward:	10.30 am	Malcolm Shephard
Screen:	10.30 am	Alan Ryder
Door Steward:	10.30 am	Mary Casey
Flowers:		Young at Heart
Sound:	10.30 am	Bill Perkins
Tea/Coffee:	~11.30 am	Angela & Ian Jones

## *Jim Anney's Service of Thanksgiving*

There will be a service of thanksgiving for the life of Jim Anney, who passed away on August 24th, in our church on Friday October 27th at 2 pm, followed by light refreshments. This will be a chance for us to remember Jim's life, support Peggy, Robert and Rachel and also to share memories of Jim. As part of the service I am hoping to have a tribute to Jim made up of our varied memories of him, so if you have any anecdotes, stories or fond memories of him please let me know so that I can include them. In addition, if you are willing to provide some of the light refreshments, please let me know. Thanks.

*Dave*

## *Events Committee*

Please note we will be selling tickets soon for our Curling evening on 9th December at 6.00 pm. The tickets will be £5, which includes a supper, and will be held in the Hall at the back of the church. Please also make a note of the following dates for our coach trips **next year!** Destinations will be issued later. 2nd June, 1st September and 27th October.

## *Help please. . . .*

As many of you know, I still help with Boys' Brigade and I am about to make approximately 40 Nativity scenes with the 2nd Bromsgrove Company. Please, if you have any 2 litre ice cream tubs, with lids, that you don't want, may I have them? I need one for each scene. Also, if you have any broken or cheap cosmetic jewellery that you don't need then I would be very grateful for it. I am prepared to collect any items, or you could leave them in the Porch, near the Basement collection box, and I will collect them from there: please label them for me to save any confusion. Many thanks,

*Gladys Hatton 876846*



## ***50th Birthday Celebrations***

Next year is the 50th Anniversary since the new building was opened so we are planning a year of events to celebrate. We begin the year with a service at 5.00 pm on October 15th. This will be after our Circuit celebration at the Palace Theatre in Redditch (free tickets soon available).

Events for this year will be the opening service plus a Crib Festival from 11th – 16th December. We are aiming to invite you to offer a crib scene, perhaps the one you have in your home each year or one you might like to make yourself. They should be free-standing and self-supporting and no bigger than 1 metre. Each group that uses the premises is being invited to contribute one, as are the local schools.

Having displayed them our aim is then to open the church to invite people to come in and view the displays. Obviously we shall need stewards for this. If you could contribute or help in any way please do get in touch.

More information will come as the time gets nearer. However if you have questions do not hesitate to ask.

*Anne*

## ***MWiB District Meeting***

The next District Meeting will be held at Coventry Central Hall, Warwick Lane Coventry CV1 2HA on Thursday 12th October.

Coffee from 10.30 am followed by the Business Meeting.

After Lunch (please bring packed) at 1.45 pm two guest speakers, Anne and Chris, will talk about their work as Volunteers at Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital.

This is our District President's chosen charity and should be very interesting to listen to.

Please contact Carole - 876074 if you intend to come.

*Carole*

## ***Book of Remembrance***

This week, from our Book of Remembrance, we remember

***Edna Tilt***

## ***CTiB praying for each other***

**Please pray for** St Godwald's,  
Rev Christine Holzapfel and Rev Carey Saleh

## **Collect for today**

Father of all,  
you gave your only Son,  
to take upon himself the form of a servant  
and to be obedient even to death on a cross.  
Give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus  
that, sharing in his humility,  
we may come to be with him in his glory;  
for he lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

## ***Harvest***

If you missed the Harvest Festival on the 24th, photos of the display are on the website. On the main (home) page there is a link to a page of 2017 photographs.

## ***Church Council - reminder***

Just a reminder that the next Church Council meeting is at 7.30 pm Wednesday October 4th in the Church.

## ***Prayer for Catshill***

The next time of Prayer for Catshill, for which we join with other Christians in Catshill, will be on Monday 16th October at 7.00 pm, in Room 3, our Church.

## A Letter from the Manse October 2017

Dear Friends,

I need to begin with an apology. On Sunday, we entered a beautifully decorated church, we heard some lovely music and readings, we received some generous gifts for the harvest and looked forward to a lovely tea. All this as we said thank you to God for the harvest and all the bountiful gifts that he gives to us. And I forgot to say thank you in the service to all those people who gave generously of gifts, talents and time to make it all possible. So I say it now, "A big THANK YOU" to everyone involved. It really was a super day of thanksgiving.

If nothing else my forgetfulness gave me the subject for this letter – not thankfulness but the importance of recognising mistakes and apologising for them – in theological language confession. Confession is an integral part of our worship. The origin of the word is from the Latin 'confiteri' which means admit, acknowledge, reveal or disclose. In the early church confession meant the profession of faith by a martyr and so it came to mean a firm declaration of religious convictions.

Through the years the word has developed in its meaning until, as well as retaining its original meaning, it now also means admitting to wrongdoing. In the Methodist Church we do not have the formal practice of confession to a priest but as part of our worship we do take time to say that we are sorry.

While preparing this I had a look through Hymns and Psalms and Singing the Faith at the sections on "Confession and Supplication" (H&P) and "Repentance and Forgiveness" (StF) and found that many of the hymns, especially in H&P did not begin with the confession but with God's love. And that is the point at which we begin. There are two Wesley hymns in that section in StF 'Your ceaseless, unexhausted love, unmerited and free, delights our evil to remove and helps our misery' and 'What shall I do my God to love, my loving God to praise?' (7 in H&P though some have changed sections). Then there are some beautiful modern ones, 'Because you came and sat beside us' and 'O, the love of my Lord' – it is well worth a read through them. An acknowledgement of all that God has done for us, supremely in Christ is where our confession begins. Then comes the recognition that is Estelle White's words "There've been times when I've turned from his presence,

and I've walked other paths, other ways;  
but I've called on his name in the dark of my shame,  
and his mercy was gentle as silence." StF 431.

The next stage is the acceptance of forgiveness and the hope not to fail again. I hope I will always respond in gratitude to all those who make Catshill Methodist Church what it is. God bless you all, Anne.

## "ALL WE CAN" EVENING AT CATSHILL 6.30 pm TUESDAY 24th OCTOBER

We have arranged for a Speaker who works with "All We Can" (formerly the Methodist Relief and Development Fund - MRDF) to come to speak about the work that AWC is doing in the Refugee camps in Lebanon and Jordan.

The Refugee situation has been very much in the news these past few years and we, in Bromsgrove and Redditch, have been supporting them through various organisations.

We are planning to sit down to a hot supper of two courses (see poster for menu) at 6.30 pm in the church, followed by our after-dinner Speaker from AWC, Claire Welch.

There is no specific charge but we are hoping that donations will cover our costs and raise some money for AWC.

We will be inviting other churches from around the Circuit to join us for this interesting and informative evening.

You will need to sign the list in the porch by 22nd October if you wish to come, as we need to know numbers for catering.

Hope to see you there!

*Carole*

P.S. The notice and sign-up list is on the World Church noticeboard on the right hand side of the door.

If you are unable to make the meal, please do come at 7.30 pm to hear Rachel's talk.

Please do your best to support this Circuit event,

*Carole*

### ***Posters in the Porch***

- MWiB Autumn Business Meeting (also see item in notices)
- October Events in the Circuit

## **CIRCUIT SERVICE**

**Sunday 15th October 2017 at The Palace Theatre, Redditch  
(Please be seated by 10.30 a.m.)**

**The President of Conference, Reverend Loraine Mellor, will be leading the whole Circuit in worship.**

**Reverend Trey Hall (District Mission Advisor) will receive our commitment to the Church without Walls Mission Initiative.**

**The service will be all age, all inclusive, and all encompassing in its content. All churches will be contributing to the success of the morning. Please join us for this exciting and uplifting celebration giving thanks for seven years of the life of the Circuit and launching the next seven years of mission.**

**Following the service, as a public act of witness, we will process to Emmanuel where drinks will be available.**

**Please bring a packed lunch if you are able to stay.**

**A sign up list will be on our notice board for those wishing to go, if a lift is needed or car space on offer. Sign up by Sept 30. Any questions about tickets, speak to Fran Perry or phone, txt. 01527 759324. Mob:07765046849.**

## **Free Car Parking for the Circuit Service at the Heart of Worcestershire College**

**On arriving at Redditch on the Redditch Ring Road, the A4023, at the roundabout take the 3rd exit onto the B4160. Take the 1st exit on the right "Access 1" Red Lion St signposted to the Police station. Straight over at the crossroads by the theatre into Queen St. Road bears to the right with the Queens Head Pub on the left. Turn left immediately into Victoria Street. The car park is on the right. Brigades personnel will direct you to The Palace Theatre.**

## ***Churches Together in Bromsgrove***

Our next Gathering will be on Wednesday 18th October at Catshill Methodist Church, starting with refreshments at 7:30 pm, before we share in a time of worship from 7:45 pm that will lead us into our meeting.

Jared Hodgson will be leading some of the Gathering this time with input from many of the churches. Come and find out what God is doing in the churches in Bromsgrove and Catshill.

## ***Local Preacher accreditation***

It is with great joy to report that I have successfully completed all aspects of the Local Preacher course; Faith and Worship. One of the last parts was an interview at the September Local Preachers meeting on the John Wesley sermon about stopping criticising, which, as it turned out, was the Lectionary passage the following Sunday!

The Local Preachers meeting agreed that both myself and Terry Bill are to be recognised as full Local Preachers, as did the Circuit meeting the following week.

My grateful thanks go to my Catshill family for sharing this journey with me in the ups and occasional downs over the last 4 years and for your support, constant encouragement and love in this long but very worthwhile path taken.

All that is left now is for the service where both Terry and I will be fully accredited, and that will be held on Sunday November 19th, 6.00 pm at the Bridge, Headless Cross.

I do hope many of you will be able to join the congregation that night to share this very special moment for Terry and me.

With every blessing as our journeys continue in faith and trust,

*James*