

DIARY

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September

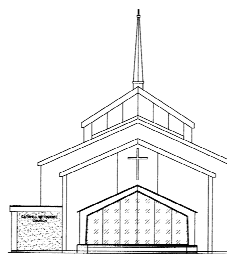
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Sat 9th	10.00 am	Coffee@CMCC
	10.30 am	First rehearsal of the choir, for Circuit Service on 15th October, at Bromsgrove
Sun 10th	10.30 am	Mrs Chris Roberts
	6.00 pm	Mr Martin Tingle
Mon 11th	12.00 pm	Thanksgiving Service at Studley for Rev Carroll Popley
Tues 12th	7.30 pm	Young at Heart: Do you remember this music?
Wed 13th	1.00 pm	Toddlers' Club (ends 3.00 pm)
Thurs 14th	6.30 pm	Men's Singing Group
	7.00 pm	Choir
Fri 15th	10.00 am	Coffee@CMCC
Sat 16th	10.00 am	Coffee@CMCC
Sun 17th	10.30 am	Rev Tony Perry
	6.00 pm	Rev Tony Perry: Communion at Bromsgrove
Tues 19th	10.00 am	Prayer Group in the Porch
Wed 20th	1.00 pm	Toddlers' Club (ends 3.00 pm)
	7.30 pm	Management Meeting in the Porch
Thurs 21st	10.00 am	Rendezvous: Little Black Dress
	6.30 pm	Men's Singing Group
	7.00 pm	Choir
Fri 22nd	10.00 am	Coffee@CMCC
Sat 23rd	8.15 am	St Chad Pilgrimage, start at St Chad's Cathedral
	10.00 am	Coffee@CMCC
Sun 24th	10.30 am	Rev Anne Smith: Harvest, All-age Worship
	6.00 pm	Rev Anne Smith: Harvest

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Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

Notices for 3rd September 2017

Worship God Welcome everyone Serve the Community
Be a strong loving Christian presence in our community as we:-
Welcome everyone, encouraging and nurturing the faith of all.

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
	3.45 pm	Messy Church: Abraham
	6.00 pm	Rev Stephen Levett at Bromsgrove
Organist:	10.30 am	Judith Brown
Worship Leader:	10.30 am	Ian Jones
Stewards:	10.30 am	Brenda Tristram & Alan Ryder
Vestry Steward:	10.30 am	Dave Morgan
Screen:	10.30 am	John Lacey
Door Steward:	10.30 am	Hilary Ryder
Sunday Club:	10.30 am	Jess Knott & Heather Wright
Flowers:		Carole Trigger
Sound:	10.30 am	Pete Yarrington
Tea/Coffee:	~11.30 am	Gillian Stuart & Eileen Kirby
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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

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Collections last Sunday totalled £203.90, including £134.60 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 10th September:

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

Preachers:	10.30 am	Mrs Chris Roberts
	6.00 pm	Mr Martin Tingle
Organist:	10.30 am	Judith Brown
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Worship Leader:	10.30 am	Sheila Collins
Stewards:	10.30 am	Lindsay Peniston & Bob Martin
	6.00 pm	Sue Yarrington
Vestry Steward:	10.30 am	Elizabeth Hilderley
Screen:	10.30 am	Helen Lynskey
Door Steward:	10.30 am	Jan Martin
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JMA

The JMA Awards Service will take place on Sunday 8th October at 10.30 am.

The service will be a World Church Service and will be led by Ian and Diana Bosman - former Mission Partners in Ghana. They will be presenting the JMA Awards, so if you collect for JMA please do your best to come - and don't forget to wear your Rainbow badges if you have one!

Carole

Events Committee

Please reserve the following dates:

28th Oct: Coach Trip to Windsor. 8.30 am start
£18

9th Dec: Curling evening with a ploughman's supper. 6.00 pm
£5
Note change of date

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 976946

Wanted: A Crèche and its organiser!

Recently I have felt, and the Church Council I believe agreed, that it is time that we revived the idea of having a crèche available. If anyone would be interested in being responsible for this important part of our Church life I would be grateful if they would speak to me as soon as possible. Then of course we would require volunteers to help organise it. I look forward to hearing from you and as you prayerfully consider whether you are called to this role remind you of the promises made by the congregation in the baptismal service:-

“Will you so maintain the Church's life of worship and service that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord?

With God's help we will.”

Anne

Book of Remembrance

This week, from our Book of Remembrance, we remember

Norma Simpson

CTiB praying for each other

Please pray for CTiB, Open the Book team, Street Prayers and All members of the management teams

Collect for today

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Congratulations to...

Catie Stuart who has gained 3 'A' levels which will enable her to begin a course at Nottingham University when the new term begins. We thank God for this achievement and pray that he will continue to bless Catie as she begins this new chapter in her life.

and to..

Miriam and Steve Bedford who celebrate their **Ruby Wedding Anniversary** on the 3rd September. We pray that God will continue to bless them in their life together.

Anne



Jim Anney

We were saddened to hear that our old friend Jim Anney passed away in Dorset on Thursday August 24th after a severe stroke in May and a number of subsequent seizures. Jim and Peggy lived next door to the church and they were frequently involved in church activities and Jim was someone many people would call to ask him to check whether they had left lights on in the church or a door unlocked - and he was always willing to pop round to check. Jim and Peggy moved to Dorset in October 2013 eventually joining the local Baptist church. Our thoughts and prayers are with Peggy, Robert and Rachel at this sad time.

There will be a service of thanksgiving in Dorset but Peggy has also requested we have a similar service here - the place Jim always referred to as his "mother church". That service will be in the afternoon of Friday October 27th. More details will follow but in the meantime if you have any fond memories or anecdotes regarding Jim then please let me know so that I can add them to my own memories to make up an effective tribute to Jim.

Dave

Winnie Wilkes

The funeral for Winnie will take place on Thursday 7th September at 1.30 pm at Catshill Methodist Church, followed by a cremation at Stourbridge Crematorium at 3.10 pm. There will be refreshments afterwards at Bromsgrove Golf Club. Everyone is welcome to attend.

from the Wilkes family

Reverend Carrol Popley

There will be a cremation at Redditch Crematorium at 11.00 am on Monday 11 September. This is for family and a few invited close friends. This will be followed at 12.00 noon by a Thanksgiving Service at Studley Methodist Church at which all are welcome to join in celebrating Carrol's life.

We pray that God will give his promised blessing of comfort to the families of Jim, Winnie and Carrol.

Anne

A Letter from the Manse September 2017

Dear Friends,

Another Methodist year begins – the fourth of my appointment to the Bromsgrove and Redditch Circuit. It continues to be a privilege to serve here and we need to remember in our prayers those congregations welcoming new ministers and the new ministers arriving to serve them.

At the Methodist Conference this year a report was received entitled "The Gift of Connexionalism". It is challenging to remember sometimes that we are not an independent church left on our own to weather the storms and calms of church life but part of a denomination that has 188,000 members and that the engagement of local churches through cafés, clubs, alternative forms of church and other bodies reaches 500,000 other people each week.

We might sometimes ask "What does the Connexion do for us?" The first thing I would say is that we are the Connexion, just as we are part of the body of Christ so we are part of the Methodist Connexion, each of us playing our part. I believe here at Catshill and in the wider Circuit we serve the Connexion well through the work of various members in the District and nationally.

Second, in the training that is done for ministers, local preachers and worship leaders, in the area of Safeguarding and in resources that it offers through the internet and in printed materials like "Day by Day" – the booklet given out in church a few weeks ago (if you didn't get your copy please let me know and I will send for some more) and the Prayer handbook produced annually.

Being part of a bigger church also helps us to help each other by giving grants and having a Team that works for the church, bringing expertise that we would not have but by sharing together we can afford.

We also have people in leadership roles that inspire us. The prayer event we had last Friday was inspired by events at Conference. This year on our membership cards we will have a reminder of what the early church was like as recorded in Acts 2:46-47. This text gives us the theme chosen by the President and Vice-President for their year in office and we look forward to October 15th when the President will preach at our Circuit Service at the Palace Theatre, Redditch. The General Secretary said in his speech at Conference, "We must take seriously our responsibility for being an evangelistic community of love which leads people to Christ". Another challenge to us as we work day by day to discover how we are people of God in the 21st century but a challenge that we work at together.

God bless you always

Anne