

## DIARY

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

2018

November

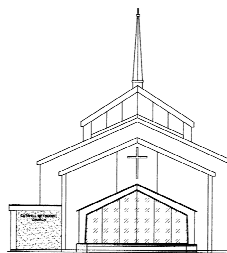
Sun 4th	10.30 am	Rev Anne Smith: Communion Gifts for the Basement received
	6.00 pm	Local arrangement at Bromsgrove
Wed 7th	1.00 pm	Toddlers' Club (ends 3.00 pm)
Thurs 8th	10.00 am	Rendezvous: Mother of Pearl
	6.30 pm	Men's Choir
	7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Fri 9th	10.00 am	Coffee@CMCC
Sat 10th	10.00 am	Coffee@CMCC
Sun 11th	<b>10.00 am</b>	Remembrance Service at the Social Club
	<b>10.45 am</b>	Remembrance Service at the Memorial
	6.00 pm	Rev Anne Smith: Communion: Peace Service
Mon 12th	10.30 am	Public Meeting in our Church to discuss speeding throughout the village
Tues 13th	10.00 am	Prayer Meeting in the Porch
	7.30 pm	Young at Heart: More Beautiful Gardens
Wed 14th	1.00 pm	Toddlers' Club (ends 3.00 pm)
Thurs 15th	6.30 pm	Men's Choir
	7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Fri 16th	10.00 am	Coffee@CMCC
Sat 17th	10.00 am	Coffee@CMCC
Sun 18th	10.30 am	Mr John Legge
	6.00 pm	Rev Richard Wilde: Communion at Bromsgrove
Mon 19th	2.00 pm	Christmas Ideas "Fresh at Burcot": see notices
Wed 21st	1.00 pm	Toddlers' Club (ends 3.00 pm)
Thurs 22nd	10.00 am	Rendezvous: Christmas Meal at the Golf Club
	6.30 pm	Men's Choir
	7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Fri 23rd	10.00 am	Coffee@CMCC
Sat 24th	10.00 am	Coffee@CMCC: <b>Deadline for handing in Shoe Boxes</b>
Sun 25th	10.30 am	Rev Anne Smith: Mission Praise. AAW

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## Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

Notices 4th November 2018

**Worship God    Welcome everyone    Serve the Community**  
**Be a strong loving Christian presence in our community as we:-**  
**Worship God, know Jesus and be witnesses of God's love and**  
**grace by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

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 Lounge: All welcome

Preachers:	10.30 am	Rev Anne Smith: Communion Gifts for the Basement received
	6.00 pm	Local arrangement at Bromsgrove
Organist:	10.30 am	Judith Brown
Worship Leader:	10.30 am	Ian Jones
Stewards:	10.30 am	Dave Morgan & Pete Yarrington
Vestry Steward:	10.30 am	Elizabeth Hilderley
Screen:	10.30 am	Lindsay Peniston
Door Steward:	10.30 am	Hilary & Alan Ryder
Sunday Club:	10.30 am	Lyn Andrews & Heather Wright
Crèche:	10.30 am	Lyn Andrews
Flowers:		Lyn Andrews
Sound:	10.30 am	Pete Yarrington
Tea/Coffee:	~11.30 am	Lyn & Iain Andrews
Traidcraft:	~11.30 am	Brenda Tristram

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Wed 7th	1.00 pm	Toddlers' Club (ends 3.00 pm)
Thurs 8th	10.00 am	Rendezvous: Mother of Pearl
	6.30 pm	Men's Choir
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Collections last Sunday totalled £157.00, including £110.00 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 11th November:

Preachers:	<b>10.00 am</b>	Remembrance Service at the Social Club
	<b>10.45 am</b>	Remembrance Service at the Memorial
	6.00 pm	Rev Anne Smith: Communion: Peace Service
Pianist:	6.00 pm	Judith Brown
Steward:	6.00 pm	Gillian Stuart
Door Steward:	6.00 pm	Sheila Collins
Flowers:		Tricia Shepheard

### *Our charity giving*

Our recent giving to external charities has included choosing one or two charities that become our "charity of the year" and we set ourselves a target to raise, which will then be donated to the chosen organisation(s). So we need to decide who we will be raising money for during the year 1st Sept 2018 to 31st Aug 2019. If you would like to nominate a charity please write the charity name plus the reason you think we should support them (just a couple of sentences is fine) and hand to Anne, Martin or Dave by 4th Nov. The Leadership meeting on 6th Nov will then draw up a short list which will be voted on by the congregation later that month.

### *Events Committee*

Our next event is on Saturday, 1st December, which is a Kurling evening.

### **Kurling is full and there's a waiting list!**

#### Diary Dates for Next Year 2019

26th January In-house concert (details later)

#### Coach Trips

1st June	Trentham Gardens
7th Sept	Llangollen/Shrewsbury
26th Oct	Lincoln
All £18	

### *T4U*

Please help poor children and/or their mothers by filling a Shoe Box.

Covered Shoe Boxes may be found in the Porch together with leaflets giving information concerning suitable contents. If you cannot do a box on your own then please give an item or a small cash donation. Donations may be used to purchase items or cover transport of the boxes.

For further information please speak to me or give me a phone call. Boxes need to be in by 24th November. Catshill Methodist Church Centre is a drop-off-point during Coffee Bar times or at Sunday Services.

*Gladys Hatton* 876846

### ***Christmas Angels***

We are accumulating quite a few angels but more are still needed. As previously advised the angels will be blessed in worship on 2nd December but before then there will have to be tags attached to them. Can I suggest that anyone who can help with this activity meets on Saturday 24th November from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm in the Church.

Hope you can come to help.

Many thanks,

*Anne*

### ***Bromsgrove and Redditch Welcomes Refugees***

I have put a copy of the latest newsletter on the Mission and Outreach notice board. It gives an update on the work that is going on to support the people who have made their new lives in our area. It makes inspiring reading.

When we went to The Bridge to take the clothing we met some of the Syrian folk and it was good to see how well they have integrated into local life. We also went to see the apple-juicing on Headless Cross Green, and saw how it is being bottled and sold as “Refujuice” to the local community. There is a lot going on!

*Carole*

### ***White Poppies***

Once again we have white (peace) poppies for sale. It is 100 years since an armistice was declared to “end the war to end all wars”. Since then millions have died in wars and hundreds of millions bereaved or traumatised. Today 90% of people killed in wars are civilians. A better way must be found to resolve conflict. We wear a red poppy to remember those who have died and a white poppy to show our commitment to making peace in a hurting world. Please put your money for the white poppies in the white poppy box - NOT in with the money for the red poppies. Thank you.

*Dave*

### ***Book of Remembrance***

This week, from our Book of Remembrance, we remember

***Ethel Wilkes***

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

**Please pray for** Holy Trinity & St Mary, Dodford and  
Christ Church, Catshill and Rev Beverley Robertson

### **Collect for today: Fourth Sunday before Advent**

God of love  
who asks no sacrifice  
of animal or outcast:  
turn our heart and mind  
to love all creatures  
and you, the source of life,  
that we might find our strength  
in the kingdom's open feast;  
through Jesus Christ, the high priest of heaven.

**Amen**

### ***Wednesday afternoon Bible Study group***

We have decided that it is time to close down the Wednesday afternoon Bible Study/House Group due to dwindling numbers. Perhaps it's time to start a new venture - anyone fancy leading a new house group?

*Dave & Di*

Dear Friends,

At the moment I am reading a book called "Getting Involved with God: Rediscovering the Old Testament" by an American Biblical Professor, Ellen F. Davies. It is the book that James Knott has to read as he prepares his portfolio. It sounds very scholarly, which it is, but it is very easy to read.

It begins with a look at the Psalms as a way into prayer and challenging our false ideas of what prayer is and encouraging the reader into honesty in prayer which leads to a closer, deeper relationship with God. My question from that for myself, and perhaps you, is "how can you build a relationship if one partner isn't being honest with the other and the other knows that they are not?". So when we are feeling angry about a situation it is no good being nicey, nicey in prayer when what we really want to do is scream and shout. In the Psalms you find plenty of passages that are screaming and shouting – giving the anger to God. And when we do that God can help in the healing process.

You will be pleased to know it is not all about anger! In complete contrast there is a chapter on the Song of Songs – a book that we don't often use in public worship except for a few chosen verses in the wedding service. It is about love, fulfilled and unrequited, intimate and life enhancing, for God and for a partner. It is a love poem which affirms the value of a faithful, long lasting, intimate partnership and when referring to God asserts the importance of simply loving – when that love is an end in itself and not based on the expectation of any benefits of that love.

I haven't finished the book, yet look forward to the sections on Job, another dip into Psalms and then Isaiah among other chapters. Books like this help us to look at the Bible with alert eyes and challenge us with fresh ideas. They encourage faith and develop commitment. Of course they are only a help and secondary to studying the book itself. However we do need the scholars to help us, yet they are secondary to the work of the Holy Spirit who brings the text to life.

How much time do we spend studying the Bible? A Bible reading (or 3) on a Sunday is not enough but it should be a daily occupation. It is something we should do on our own and in groups so that we can share our God given insights. We can be tempted to think that we haven't got any, that God does not speak to us but that is not true. It is not a question of being a scholar it is about being open to God speaking to us through the book that is known as His word.

May God bless you and may you hear his word to you.



## ***Volunteers for 3G***

We have had the following communication from the Youth President of the Methodist Church.

We are very low on numbers of volunteers. Please encourage members of your districts to volunteer for 3Generate. We are in need of people to volunteer to be:

- \* Night stewards
- \* Offer additional one-to-one support to young people with special needs.
- \* Indoor venues
- \* Chalet Hosts

We all want the weekend to be successful and in order for this to happen we need as many volunteers as possible, **SO PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE**, encourage people that are 23 years plus to volunteer, we even have a 65 years plus volunteering package, so regardless of their age we would appreciate it if people volunteered.

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/3generate/volunteering/>

## ***Worried about speeding in Catshill?***

We all know that speeding is one of the biggest issues in Catshill. Cllr Webb is working with the Safer Road Partnership, the local Safer Neighbourhood Team and the Highways Team to find ways to help keep residents safe. Speed throughout the village is being monitored and a public meeting will be held on Monday 12th November at 10.30 am - 11.30 am Catshill Methodist Church Coffee Shop area.

## ***It's nearly here. . . . .2.00 pm 19th November***

Your Christmas ideas from Nicki at 'Fresh at Burcot'.

As usual it's a Freebie with Vouchers towards a drink and a cake AND 10% off purchases on the day!

Please book with me by 18th November - everybody very welcome.

*Gladys Hatton 876846*