

## DIARY

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

2019

April

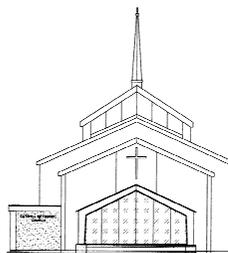
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Sun 14th	10.30 am	Mrs Chris Roberts
Palm Sun	6.00 pm	Rev Anne Smith: Healing Service, Communion
Tues 16th	10.00 am	Prayer Group in the Porch
Thurs 18th	10.30 am	Knitting and Crafts Group (ends 12.00 pm)
	6.30 pm	Men's Choir
Fri 19th	10.00 am	Coffee@CMCC:
	10.00 am	Good Friday Service at Lickey End
	12.00 pm	Good Friday Lunch of soup, rolls, hot cross buns at Catshill, see notices
	1.00 pm	Good Friday Service at Catshill
	7.30 pm	Reflective Service at Bromsgrove
Sat 20th	10.00 am	Coffee@CMCC:
Sun 21st	10.30 am	Rev Anne Smith: Communion
Easter	6.00 pm	Local Arrangement at Bromsgrove
Thurs 25th	10.00 am	Rendezvous: Age of Steam, Dave Morgan
	6.30 pm	Men's Choir

**Our Minister: Rev Anne Smith** tel 01527 570437  
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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 7th April 2019

**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 Lounge: All welcome

Preachers:	10.30 am	Rev Anne Smith & Mr Martin Tingle Gifts for the Basement will be received
	6.00 pm	Mr Terry Bill at Bromsgrove
Organist:	10.30 am	Judith Brown
Worship Leader:	10.30 am	Angela Jones
Stewards:	10.30 am	Miriam Bedford & Ian Jones
Vestry Steward:	10.30 am	Rita Lacey
Screen:	10.30 am	John Lacey
Door Steward:	10.30 am	Tricia Shephard
Sunday Club:	10.30 am	Jess Knott & Eileen Kirby
Crèche:	10.30 am	Brenda Tristram
Flowers:		Young at Heart
Sound:	10.30 am	Ian Jones
Tea/Coffee:	~11.30 am	Gillian Stuart & Dave Morgan
Traidcraft:	~11.30 am	The Blundell Family

## ACTIVITIES this week

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- \* Collections last Sunday totalled £238.69, including £210.00 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 14th April: Palm Sunday

**10.00 am - 10.20 am Prayer Meeting in the Lounge: All welcome**

Preachers:	10.30 am	Mrs Chris Roberts
	6.00 pm	Rev Anne Smith: Healing Service, Communion
Organists:	10.30 am	Judith Brown
	6.00 pm	James Knott
Worship Leader:	10.30 am	Elizabeth Hilderley
Stewards:	10.30 am	Brenda Tristram & Bob Martin
	6.00 pm	Lindsay Peniston
Vestry Steward:	10.30 am	Don Cook
Screen:	10.30 am	Helen Lynskey
Door Steward:	10.30 am	Betty Beckett
Sunday Club:	10.30 am	Gillian Stuart & Lyn Andrews
Crèche:	10.30 am	Angela Jones
Flowers:		Gillian Stuart
Sound:	10.30 am	Bob Martin
Tea/Coffee:	~11.30 am	Carole Trigger & Ruby Wilkes

## *Events Committee - Quiz*

Please note that our next event will be a quiz with a faggots and peas supper. The date is 27th April at 6.00 pm and tickets will be on sale soon at £6. Please support this popular evening.

## *Good Friday Lunch at 12.00 pm*

Friends,  
If you are hoping to come to the simple lunch of soup, rolls and hot cross buns on Good Friday, it would be helpful, but not essential, if you could sign the sheet on the notice board in the Porch.  
Many thanks,

*Angela Jones*

## *Street Pastors / Prayer Pastors*

The group does some really excellent work on the streets of Bromsgrove on Friday nights, helping to protect the vulnerable and sometimes taking the opportunity to share something of the Christian faith. The taxis, door staff and police really appreciate the difference that Street Pastors have made in the last seven years providing a non-judgmental calming presence.

The group desperately needs both Street Pastors who patrol armed with flip flops and lollipops, and Prayer Pastors who stay in the warm, next to a kettle and a bible.

My daughters sometimes go clubbing with friends and I'd like to think that if they were being hassled by a guy, perhaps after they had had a drink too many, there would be a Street Pastor to help them dump the guy, drink some water, swap their heels for flip flops, and get them into a taxi and back home safely.

***But for Bromsgrove, all this could end soon.***

On several occasions recently no patrol has been possible because of a shortage of volunteers.

## *Could you help?*

The patrols usually last from 10 pm to 4 am and if you could possibly spare even a few hours to join us on the street or in prayer it could make the difference between a patrol being cancelled or stepping out. Jan Martin is a Street Pastor and Martin Tingle is a Prayer Pastor. Please speak to either of them about either role.

## ***Refugees***

There are now refugee families from Syria living in Bromsgrove and Catshill. One of the families desperately needs a large rug or a piece of carpet for their living room, as the hard floor is very cold and they have a toddler who plays on the floor.

They could also do with a coffee table, or small low table and also a clothes airer for drying clothes on.

If you can help with any of these items please let Carole know - tel 876074. Thank you,

*Carole*

## ***MWiB District Quiet Day - "The Water of Life"***

There will be an MWiB Quiet Day on Saturday 4th May at Woodbrook Quaker Study Centre, Bristol Road, Selly Oak B29 6LJ. It will run from 10.00 am to 3.30 pm and will be led by the MWiB Connexional President Sandra Goodwin.

Cost £32.50 to include Coffee, Lunch and Tea and cake in the afternoon.

If you would like to go with us, please book your place by sending a cheque for £32.50, payable to Birmingham District MWiB, to Mrs Ann Craddock, The Meadows Cottage, Lichfield Road, Edial, Lichfield WS7 0HU

This should be a lovely day out - a treat for yourselves!

See poster in the porch.

*Carole*

## ***Birmingham Passion Play***

This is an exciting new venture for Birmingham! A live, local, contemporary retelling of the extraordinary Easter story. This will involve a diverse team of community actors and musicians alongside Saltmine Theatre Company. Beginning at 12:30 on 16, 17 and 18 of April they will process from Birmingham Bullring to St Philip's Cathedral, finishing at about 14:00 each day. It's free, no ticket necessary, all are welcome.

## ***Book of Remembrance***

This week, from our Book of Remembrance, we remember

***Arthur Healey***

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

**Please pray for** Catshill Baptist Church and Rev Simon Gudger

## **Collect for Today**

Extravagant God,  
lavishing your love  
on our poverty of heart:  
inspire us to give without stint,  
to lose life  
that we might find it again,  
so the world will be filled  
with the fragrance of your love;  
through Jesus Christ, who offers himself for us

**Amen**

## ***Prayers for Catshill***

There will be a Prayer Meeting next Monday at Catshill Baptist Church at 7.00 pm.

It is Prayers for Catshill and will be led by Revd Simon Gudger.

## ***Easter Reflections at Rendezvous***

Easter Reflections at Rendezvous on Thursday, 11th April 10.30 am. Come and join us on this morning, Rev. Anne and friends will be entertaining us. Coffee and hot cross buns will be served. All welcome.

## ***Easter Sunday***

Bring your flowers between 10.00 am & 12.00 pm on Saturday, 20th April to decorate the Church. We look forward to making a colourful display.

*Tricia*

## **A Letter from the Manse April 2019**

Dear Friends,

What happens when things don't go according to plan? There is disappointment, sadness, anger, doubt and questioning. When I applied many moons ago to go to teacher training college at Westminster, Oxford, I was turned down - I went to Southlands instead and met my first husband but on the night of reading the letter all I felt was deep disappointment and a bit adrift.

When the disciples were on the way to Jerusalem, they must have had some thoughts of anticipation. When Jesus asked, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter had answered, "You are the Messiah of God". So, this pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival must have led the disciples, including Peter, to think that this was the time when Jesus was going to show his power and overthrow the Romans, returning to the Jews their promised land.

Jesus did show his power, the power of love and that was exhibited on the cross, a Roman instrument of torture and death. Not what the disciples thought would happen and surely the end of the story!! We know different – this was not the end, for Jesus was raised from the dead, new life, new beginnings, new expectation.

So, we are almost at Holy Week and Easter. We shall travel again with Jesus to Jerusalem, to Gethsemane, to Golgotha and to the Resurrection Garden. We shall anticipate good news, but along the way we experience disappointment and despair. We may be an Easter people yet the road to that promised land is not easy. We are a death and resurrection people and we often forget that before the resurrection there has to be death.

In Isaiah 43:2 the Lord promises, "When you walk through the fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you". And in Revelation 1:15 the Son of Man is pictured as one "whose feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace". We have a God in Jesus who has walked through the fire and is with us in the fire, those places that refine us and enable us to become the people God created us to be.

Holy Week and Easter remind us that our God lived and died and was raised so that we might know his presence in our joys and sorrows, not as an outsider looking in but as one who shares with us and ultimately brings us through. This is our saving, redeeming God.

Have a happy Easter,  
God Bless,  
Anne

## ***Easter Assembly***

This year Catshill First School will be coming to the Church on Wednesday 10th April for their annual Easter Service that will begin at 10.30 am.

I am seeking the usual support from within the Church to help make this event run in its usual smooth manner.

Help will be required with welcoming folk in, a screen and sound operator.

If you feel you can help, again please come and speak with me.

I look forward in celebrating Easter in word and song again on 10th April with the School.

With every blessing and grateful thanks in anticipation-

*James*

## ***Church Without Walls - "Proud of Catshill" Exhibition***

As part of our Church Without Walls initiative we are planning an exhibition of art and memorabilia of Catshill under the heading of "Proud of Catshill" on Friday and Saturday June 7th & 8th. The idea is to try and get anyone with any interest in the village to enter a piece of art (painting, drawing, collage, photo - anything loosely "artistic") that shows the village either past, present or even what it might be like in the future. We are also trying to encourage schools to create entries, perhaps doing a class project. So although we are using the Walls of the Church - the idea is to encourage people to visit the premises. Visitors to the exhibition will be asked to vote for their favourite exhibit in 3 categories – under 16 individual, over 16 individual, and class project, and there will be small prizes for the most popular exhibit in each category. Entry forms can be downloaded off the website or see Dave Morgan.

## ***Lent Series***

Each session will consist of Tea/Coffee on arrival followed by an opening hymn and devotion, then a conversation with different people each week about their faith journey concluding with prayer and a hymn/song of their choice.

The last session is as follows:-

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 pm Lickey End Methodist Church  
Host: John Wyatt Interviewees: Beth Haden & Dave Morgan

### **Maundy Thursday** 18th April

Lickey End: 6.00 pm Simple Supper including Communion  
Catshill: 7.30 pm Maundy Hand Washing & Communion

### **Good Friday** 19th April

Lickey End 10.00 am  
Catshill 1.00 pm  
Bromsgrove 7.30 pm Reflective Service

## ***Young at Heart***

Our AGM is on Tuesday 9th April at 7.00 pm.

Refreshments will be served at 7.30 pm followed by “Music to your Ears” with Ruth Henley and friends.

Everyone very welcome: you don’t need to be a member to come.

Usual subs £2.00.

*Gladys Hatton* 876846

## ***Food Safety***

The Church Council has taken advice from the Food Standards Agency. We are still able to provide home-made cakes and food for events we organise on the premises. There are 14 recognised food allergens, some of which you might find surprising. Therefore all ingredients in home-made food that is brought to the church premises must be noted and a form should be filled in. You can get a copy of a leaflet about the allergens from the coffee bar. There is also a form with tick-boxes to fill in if you are likely to bring food to the premises. The tick-boxes highlight which allergens might be in the food so that those who have allergies can act accordingly.

You can make a photocopy of the ingredients in a recipe or bring the recipe books to photocopy at church. You can also write down the ingredients (including any tinned or dried goods you might mix in). Please ask someone at the coffee bar if you would like a leaflet and a form. Thank you.

*Lindsay Peniston*  
(for Church Council)

## ***Food for Thought – last Tuesday in the month***

We had our first gathering on Tuesday 26th March and the next will be on Tuesday 30th April at 7 pm at 87 Golden Cross Lane, Catshill, Bromsgrove B61 0LE (home of Martin and Lindsay). An evening meal is provided before someone starts the evening’s topic. We already have some suggestions of subjects to consider. The April topic is: **“Do the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few?”** Those who met decided that each week will be different, so you can opt in or out at any time and the group might not always be the same people. Later on we intend to learn about the facts and myths of different religions, starting with Buddhism. It would be helpful if you could sign up on the church notice board or call us on 01527 872951 if you intend to come along to the next Food for Thought as this helps with catering. Thank you!

2019 dates: 30 April, 28 May, 25 June, 30 July, 27 August,  
24 September, 29 October, 26 November, 17 December.

Best wishes,

*Lindsay*