

DIARY

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

2018

December

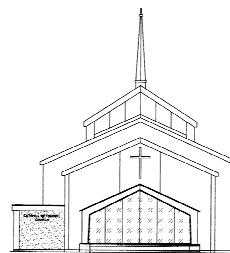
Sun 9th	10.30 am	Ms Jackie Hartrey.
	6.00 pm	Rev Tony Perry
Tues 11th	10.00 am	Prayer Meeting in the Porch
	7.30 pm	Young at Heart: Fairtrade Products
Wed 12th	1.00 pm	Toddlers' Club (ends 3.00 pm)
Thurs 13th	6.30 pm	Men's Choir
	7.00 pm	The Choir Practice
Fri 14th	10.00 am	Coffee@CMCC
Sat 15th	10.00 am	Coffee@CMCC:
Sun 16th	10.30 am	Ms Lyn Gennoe
	6.00 pm	Rev Anne Smith: Carols with the Choir and poems/readings
Tues 18th	7.00 pm	Blue Christmas Service (for those who find Christmas difficult)
Wed 19th	1.00 pm	Toddlers' Club (ends 3.00 pm)
	7.00 pm	Christmas at Home, at the home of Angela & Ian
Thurs 20th	6.30 pm	Men's Choir
	7.00 pm	The Choir Practice
Fri 21st	10.00 am	Coffee@CMCC
Sat 22nd	10.00 am	Coffee@CMCC: Christingle-making, please help
Sun 23rd	10.30 am	Rev Anne Smith: Nativity Service, All-age Worship.
	6.00 pm	Rev Anne Smith: Traditional Carol Service with 9 Lessons and Carols, by candlelight
Mon 24th	4.30 pm	Christingle Service
	11.30 pm	Midnight Communion
Tues 25th	11.00 am	Christmas Morning Worship
Sun 30th	10.30 am	Mrs Di Ross
	6.00 pm	No evening service in the Circuit

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Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

Notices 9th December 2018

Second Sunday in Advent

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 Lounge: All welcome

Preachers:	10.30 am	Ms Jackie Hartrey
	6.00 pm	Rev Tony Perry
Organist:	10.30 am	James Knott
	6.00 pm	Ian Jones
Worship Leader:	10.30 am	Angela Jones
Stewards:	10.30 am	Jan Martin:& Alan Ryder
	6.00 pm	Lindsay Peniston
Vestry Steward:	10.30 am	Elizabeth Hilderley
Screen:	10.30 am	Lindsay Peniston
Door Steward:	10.30 am	Bob Martin
Sunday Club:	10.30 am	Jess Knott & Eileen Kirby
Crèche:	10.30 am	Toys available in the Porch
Flowers:		Margaret Baker
Sound:	10.30 am	Alan Ryder
Tea/Coffee:	~11.30 am	Brenda Tristram & Tricia Shephard

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

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Collections last Sunday totalled £246.40, including £205.00 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 16th December: Third Sunday of Advent

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

Preachers:	10.30 am	Ms Lyn Gennoe
	6.00 pm	Rev Anne Smith: Carols with the Choir and poems/readings
Organist:	10.30 am	James Knott
	6.00 pm	Helen Blundell
Worship Leader:	10.30 am	Elizabeth Hilderley
Stewards:	10.30 am	Dave Morgan:& Ian Jones
	6.00 pm	Jan Martin
Vestry Steward:	10.30 am	Malcolm Shepheard
Screen:	10.30 am	Helen Lynskey
Door Stewards:	10.30 am	Brenda Tristram
	6.00 pm	Tricia Shepheard
Sunday Club:	10.30 am	Jess Knott & Gillian Stuart
Crèche:	10.30 am	Toys available in the Porch
Flowers:		Jackie Hooper
Sound:	10.30 am	Ian Jones
Tea/Coffee:	~11.30 am	Carole Trigger & Eileen Kirby

Future events in the Circuit

Caroline (at Circuit Office) asks each month for any monthly events to be advertised throughout the circuit to be sent to her. If you are organising an event, and want the circuit to know, please remember to send details to Circuit Office. Thanks.

Reimagine Church

After Sue Yarrington's inspirational talk two weeks ago about her experience at "Navigating Change". The District are running Conference on March 9th at Carrs Lane Church - opposite Moor Street Station so it is easy to go by train. Other information can be found at <https://www.birminghammethodist.org.uk/events-2/> and that will lead you to the booking site. Book NOW as there are limited places. One of the speakers will be John Bell of the Iona Community. I have booked my place - if you can't book on the web I will try to do it for you.

God bless,

Anne

Voting results!

The voting for the charities we want to support has been completed and the results have been counted and verified! It was very close for both the overseas and the local charities. The overseas winner was "Embrace the Middle East" (formerly the Bible Lands) with 26 votes (the African leadership and Reconciliation Ministries got 16 votes). The Local Charity winner was "Life after stroke centre (Bromsgrove)" with 24 votes (the Acorns Hospice got 21 votes). Thank you for voting!

Dave

Barnt Green Choral Society

Christmas Celebration 3.00 pm on Saturday 15th December.

Songs and readings with the choir of Millfields School.

Tickets: Adults £10.00 & Under 16s £5.00, including tea, mince pies and stollen.

Tickets at the door, or phone June Luckock (0121 445 5866)

Rendezvous meetings for the first few months of 2019

DATE	EVENT	SPEAKER
<i>January</i>		
3rd	Social	
17th	Life of an Ancient Hack	Russell Luckock
31st	Our Heritage in Stained Glass	Roy Albutt
<i>February</i>		
14th	The Story of Enigma & Bletchley Park	Brian Teall
28th	Film Morning	
<i>March</i>		
14th	Kurling	
28th	My Life in Hats	Katherine Clark
<i>April</i>		
11th	Easter Reflections	Rev Anne Smith & Judith Brown
25th	The Age of Steam	David Morgan
<i>May</i>		
9th	AGM & 'Being a Coach Driver'	Robert Trigger

Book of Remembrance

This week, from our Book of Remembrance, we remember

Daisy Beckett

CTiB praying for each other

Please pray for St John's & St Andrew's Churches and Rev Roy Khan
Bromsgrove School Chaplaincy & Rev Paul Hedworth

Collect for today: Second Sunday of Advent

Lord of the wilderness way,
whose word scours our smooth evasions:
take us on the unbending road
to the raw centre of our world
with a cry of invitation
and the call of sudden grace;
through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come.

Amen

Offer of Christmas Dinner

The landlord of Ye Olde Black Cross in Bromsgrove has offered the Basement Project some application forms that can be filled in by anyone who will be on their own over Christmas or who is unable to afford to provide a Christmas Dinner for themselves or their families.

This is open to anyone of any age. The application form should be filled in and can be sent to the landlord via Basement Project trustees or CEO Jackie Hooper.

The landlord needs to know the number of people they will be catering for and any dietary requirements, but also that the individuals will attend, so he does want everyone to have a ticket. The meal is open to anyone of any age and invitees will join him and his family to celebrate Christmas.

We do hope people will take him up on his generous offer. Please look in the church lobby for the application form or ask Jackie Hooper, Dave Morgan, Lindsay Peniston, Sheila Collins or Bob Martin for a form.

CHRISTMAS AT HOME

7.00 pm Wednesday 19th December

23 Church Road, Catshill

You are warmly invited to an evening of Christmas readings and carols by firelight.

Hopefully our singing will be fortified with mince pies , mulled wine and coffee/tea.

If possible please bring a poem or story, humorous / serious to share.

Angela and Ian Jones 876679

Christmas Cards

As usual we will have an area on one of the notice boards where you can send a Christmas Card to the church and all members and friends rather than giving out individual cards. Envelopes will be available for you to give a gift in lieu of the money you would have spent on cards and stamps which will be added to the Christmas collections.

Christingle

How quickly a year goes by and annual events come round again!

I will once again be placing the Christingle box in the Porch to collect gifts of soft sweets, raisins and cocktail sticks in readiness for the Christingle-making on Saturday 22nd December between 10.00 am and 12 noon at the Coffee Shop.

Please do come and help if you can, as it doesn't take long if we all help out.

If you would prefer to make small donations towards the cost of the oranges and sweets, I will be happy to receive them.

The Christingle Service will take place at 4.30 pm on Christmas Eve.

Thank you for your help.

Carole