

DIARY

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

September

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
	9.30 am	Foundation Course at Lickey End
	10.00 am	Church preparation for Harvest - see notices
		Coffee@CMCC
	10.30 am	Circuit Choir rehearsal at Bromsgrove
Sun 24th	10.30 am	Rev Anne Smith: Harvest, All-age Worship
	6.00 pm	Rev Anne Smith: Harvest
Tues 26th	2.30 pm	Carers' Group (until 4.00 pm)
	8.00 pm	Bible and Science (in Worcester) - see notices
Wed 27th	1.00 pm	Toddlers' Club (ends 3.00 pm)
	2.45 pm	House Group (until 4.00 pm)
Fri 29th	10.00 am	Coffee@CMCC
		Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning
Sat 30th	10.00 am	Coffee@CMCC
	10.30 am	Circuit Choir rehearsal at The Bridge

October

Sun 1st	10.30 am	Rev Anne Smith: Communion
	1.30 pm	Circuit Event at Peck Wood
		Theme - "The Creation" from Genesis 1
	6.00 pm	Rev Richard Wilde: Communion at Bromsgrove
Tues 3rd	10.00 am	Prayer Group in the Porch
Wed 4th	1.00 pm	Toddlers' Club (ends 3.00 pm)
Thurs 5th	10.00 am	Rendezvous: Hitting the Headline
Fri 6th	10.00 am	Coffee@CMCC
Sat 7th	10.00 am	Coffee@CMCC
	10.30 am	Circuit Choir rehearsal at Bromsgrove

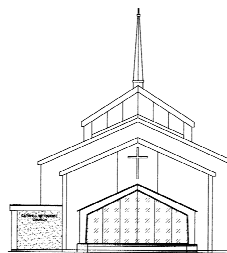
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Notices to Don Cook by 5.00 pm on Thursdays please.

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Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

Notices for 17th September 2017

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 Hall: All welcome

Preachers:	10.30 am	Rev Tony Perry
	6.00 pm	Rev Tony Perry: Communion at Bromsgrove
Organist:	10.30 am	Judith Brown
Worship Leader:	10.30 am	Angela Jones
Stewards:	10.30 am	Dave Morgan & Ian Jones
Vestry Steward:	10.30 am	Rita Lacey
Screen:	10.30 am	John Lacey
Door Steward:	10.30 am	Ruby Wilkes
Sunday Club:	10.30 am	Sheila Collins & Joanne Tovey
Flowers:		Jan Martin
Sound:	10.30 am	Ian Jones
Tea/Coffee:	~11.30 am	Lyn & Iain Andrews

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

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Collections last Sunday totalled £169.84, including £124.00 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 24th September:

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

Preachers:	10.30 am	Rev Anne Smith: Harvest All-age Worship
	6.00 pm	Rev Anne Smith: Harvest
Pianist:	10.30 am	Helen Blundell, Band and Choir
Organist:	6.00 pm	James Knott
Worship Leader:	10.30 am	Elizabeth Hilderley
Stewards:	10.30 am	Jan Martin & Pete Yarrington
	6.00 pm	Lindsay Peniston
Vestry Steward:	10.30 am	Eileen Kirby
Screen:	10.30 am	Alan Ryder
Door Stewards:	10.30 am	Tricia & Malcolm Shephard
Flowers:		Harvest
Sound:	10.30 am	Alan Ryder
Tea/Coffee:	~11.30 am	Joan Perkins & Margaret Baker

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.

Coffee Shop

Coffee Shop are hosting a Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September. There will be tea/coffee and cake, and a bring and buy stall. We would love you to join us.

Coffee Shop Committee.

Come and listen

**to the action-packed story of Jesus in The Gospel of Mark.
Hear the complete Gospel read by a number of readers.
Saturday 23rd September from 10.00 am – approximately noon.**

Drop in at any point during the morning.
This will be followed by a Harvest Lunch in the Memorial Hall.

To book a place at lunch, please contact Jackie Adams on 01527 545712.

Prayer Handbooks for 2017/2018

The Prayer Handbook of the Methodist Church is now available. At £3.50 it is an invaluable aid to daily prayers as we pray for people around the world and at home. There are also some beautiful general prayers too. Get your copy today from Malcolm Shephard and after from Jim Smith.

Fernley Hartley lecture

The 2017 Fernley Hartley lecture will be delivered by the Revd Dr Nicola Price-Tebbutt and will be entitled “Methodism and experience: the role of personal narrative in shaping the Church’s theology”.

It will take place at the Queen’s foundation on Monday 9th October 2017 at 7 pm. All are very welcome to attend.

Thanks,

Mark

The Revd Mark Rowland
Methodist Central Hall
Warwick Lane
Coventry

Posters in the Porch

- STARS (St Andrews Role-players) - for children?
Do you like storytelling?
Do you like the ‘Open the Book’ assemblies?
Do you like dressing up?
Come along to St Andrews - every other Tuesday: dates, times, full details on the poster
- Circuit Fun afternoon at Peck Wood. “God’s creating world”
From 1.30 pm, Sunday 1st October. Games, refreshments, music, crafts. Please bring your own lunch to share on the day.
Worship at 3.30 pm.

Book of Remembrance

This week, from our Book of Remembrance, we remember

Jim Stephens

CTiB praying for each other

Please pray for NewSong Community Church and
Graham and Nicola Bayley

Collect for today

Gracious God,
like a mother you give us new life,
and make us your children in Jesus Christ.
Look on us in your love,
and bring us to the inheritance which you promised.
Grant this through Jesus Christ, your Son.

Amen

Your Invitation To The Palace

Theatre in Redditch.

Our circuit service is on Oct 15th at 10.30 am for 10.45 am start.

Please come and be part of this significant event.

Tickets are free but limited due to space.

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.**

Parking limited so car sharing encouraged.

Any questions about tickets, speak to Fran Perry or phone, txt. 01527 759324. Mob:07765046849.

Church Preparation for Harvest

As in previous years, we will be decorating the Church from 10.00 am on Saturday 23rd September.

Please bring flowers, produce, etc. and, if possible, help Brenda and Tricia with the preparations.

The Coffee Shop will be running as usual.

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

Bible and Science

The **Worcester Bible and Science Group** is an interdenominational Christian group affiliated to Christians in Science in the UK. They organise a regular series of talks and discussions fronted by leading scientists and thinkers, on significant scientific, bioethical and technological issues of today.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 26th September at 8.00 pm in Worcester when the topic for discussion will be DESIGNER BABIES. The discussion will focus around the question “Will doctors one day determine our health and abilities before we are born?”. There will be contributions by four scientists.

I will be going to this and will have 3 empty seats in the car if anyone would like to come with me.

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

Circuit Choir

Circuit Service – 15th October at the Palace Theatre, Redditch.

Rehearsals for the Circuit Choir that will be performing at the celebratory service on October 15th will commence on Saturday 9th September at Bromsgrove. Other rehearsals are planned for 16th September at The Bridge, 23rd September at Bromsgrove, 30th September at The Bridge, 7th October at Bromsgrove and 14th October at The Bridge. All rehearsals will be from 10:30 – 11:30 am. All singers are welcome. If you would like to know more detail please contact Ruth Henley at r.g.henley@btinternet.com or Tel. 01527 527022

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

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

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

Day of Prayer (on 1st September)

If you missed the Day of Prayer on 1st September, the prayer stations are now on the church website so you can see photos of the displays and also read the information that Anne provided with each one. The link to them is on the “home” page of the website in the “News” section.

Dave

