

DIARY

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

2018

November

Sun 25th 10.30 am Rev Anne Smith: Mission Praise. AAW

6.00 pm Deacon Janet Thomas

Tues 27th 10.00 am Prayer Meeting in the Porch

2.30 pm Carers Group in the Porch (until 4.00 pm)

Wed 28th 1.00 pm Toddlers' Club (ends 3.00 pm)

Thurs 29th 6.30 pm Men's Choir

7.00 pm Choir Practice

Fri 30th 10.00 am Coffee@CMCC

December

Sat 1st 10.00 am Coffee@CMCC

6.00 pm Kurling Evening, with casserole meal

Sun 2nd 10.30 am Rev Anne Smith: Mission Praise,

Gift Service, Communion

Toys/toiletries for the Basement will be received

6.00 pm Mrs Di Ross at Bromsgrove

Mon 3rd 3.30 pm Funeral Service for Margaret Jones, see notices

Wed 5th 1.00 pm Toddlers' Club (ends 3.00 pm)

Thurs 6th 10.00 am Rendezvous: Reflections at Christmas

6.30 pm Men's Choir

7.00 pm Choir Practice

Fri 7th 10.00 am Coffee@CMCC

Sat 8th 10.00 am Coffee@CMCC: Carols round the Piano and

'Wear a Christmas Jumper' for 'Save the Children'

12.00 pm Christmas Party for Refugee Families and their Children
at The Bridge - see Notices and Poster (ends 3.00 pm)

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)

Our Minister: Rev Anne Smith tel 01527 570437

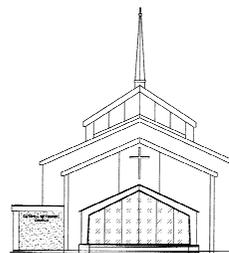
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Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

Notices 25th November 2018

Sunday before Advent

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: Mission Praise.

All-age Worship

6.00 pm Deacon Janet Thomas

Pianist: 10.30 am Helen Blundell with the Band

Organist: 6.00 pm Judith Brown

Worship Leader: 10.30 am Elizabeth Hilderley

Stewards: 10.30 am Gillian Stuart: & Alan Ryder

6.00 pm Dave Morgan

Vestry Steward: 10.30 am Rita Lacey

Screen: 10.30 am John Lacey:

Door Steward: 10.30 am Carole Trigger

Crèche: Toys available in the Porch

Flowers: Fran Perry

Sound: 10.30 am Alan Ryder

Tea/Coffee: ~11.30 am The Blundell Family

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Tues 27th	10.00 am	Prayer Meeting in the Porch
	2.30 pm	Carers Group in the Porch (until 4.00 pm)
Wed 28th	1.00 pm	Toddlers' Club (ends 3.00 pm)
Thurs 29th	6.30 pm	Men's Choir
	7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Fri 30th	10.00 am	Coffee@CMCC
Sat 1st	10.00 am	Coffee@CMCC:
	6.00 pm	Kurling Evening, with casserole meal

Collections last Sunday totalled £190.60, including £154.10 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 2nd December: First Sunday of Advent

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

Preachers:	10.30 am	Rev Anne Smith: Mission Praise. Gift Service, Communion Toys/toiletries for the Basement will be received
	6.00 pm	Mrs Di Ross at Bromsgrove
Pianist:	10.30 am	Helen Blundell with the Band
Worship Leader:	10.30 am	Ian Jones
Stewards:	10.30 am	Brenda Tristram:& Alan Ryder
Vestry Steward:	10.30 am	Eileen Kirby
Screen:	10.30 am	John Lacey
Door Steward:	10.30 am	Rita & John Lacey
Crèche:		Toys available in the Porch
Flowers:		Angela Jones
Sound:	10.30 am	Alan Ryder
Tea/Coffee:	~11.30 am	Fran Perry & Margaret Baker
Traidcraft:	~11.30 am	Angela Jones

Rotas

The rota for December, January & February is now complete. If you normally have yours electronically, you should have received it. Please contact me if you haven't. Those that have a hard copy, please check your pigeon holes in the porch area.

Sound Rota

The next sound rota is on the board. There are a couple of gaps so if you can help out on those days, can you please add your name.

Jan

Bromsgrove and Redditch Welcomes Refugees Christmas Party

There will be a Christmas Party for our Refugee families and their children at the Bridge Memorial Hall, Evesham Road, Redditch (next to The Bridge Church) on Saturday 8th December from 12 noon to 3.00 pm.

Anyone who would like to go to meet the families would be made very welcome.

There will be a buffet lunch and you are asked to take something to contribute to the table.

Please see the Poster in the Porch.

For more details go to info@brwr.uk or see Carole.

What do Basement Clients need?

We are wonderful at supporting the clients of the Basement with our regular food and toiletries donations, but I decided, for once, to actually ASK what they are short of rather than just give the usual beans and soups! The real need at the moment is for long life milk, squash, sugar, tinned ready meals, pot noodles and toilet rolls! Obviously the Basement are grateful for all and any donations but if we can concentrate on what they are actually short of that will help even more. Thanks again.

Dave

Our charity support for 2018/19

Thank you for the various suggestions for which charities we should support for the rest of this church year (until end of August 2019). We originally said the Leadership Team would reduce the suggestions to 3 for the congregation to vote on - however at the meeting we decided to split our fundraising 50/50 between an overseas charity and one closer to home. So we would like you to vote on which one from each section as follows:

Overseas Charity:

Either “EMBRACE the Middle East” - known as “Embrace” (formerly the “Bible Lands”) which supports vulnerable Christians living in the lands in the Middle East, who suffer from poverty, disability and injustice. A large amount of their work involves caring for and supporting vulnerable children, providing them with health care, education and training in life skills (suggested by Carole)

Or the “African Leadership and Reconciliation Ministries” which was founded after the Rwanda genocide to fund African students to try to spread the gospel and overcome the hatred that led to the genocide (Marcianne is a Trustee so she can explain more).

Local Charity:

Either “Acorns Hospice” - a West Midlands charity providing care, support, fun and laughter for children with life limiting or life threatening conditions, and their families

Or the “Life After Stroke centre” in Bromsgrove (part of the Stroke Association) as quite a few people have been affected by relatives who have suffered strokes including several of the people who attend Carers’ Group

Voting slips will be handed out with the notices at the services on November 18th & 25th.

Gift Service (gifts for The Basement clients)

Our Gift Service is on 2nd December. Gifts of toys and toiletries will be gratefully received (unwrapped please).

Book of Remembrance

This week, from our Book of Remembrance, we remember

Thomas & Florence Wilkes

CTiB praying for each other

Please pray for St Godwald’s,
the Ministerial Team and Church Wardens

Collect for today: Sunday before Advent

You who are, who were, who are to come,
before whose judgement all fades away that is not love:
save us from the violence
that seeks to claim our hearts
so we might hear a different voice
and belong to you in truth,
through Jesus Christ, the wounded king of all.

Amen

Margaret Jones

I am sorry to have to announce the death of Margaret Jones, who passed peacefully away on 19th November at Housman Court.

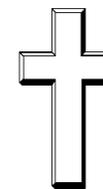
Margaret was a loyal and respected member here at Catshill. She attended regularly until she went to live at St John’s and then Housman Court.

As well as serving the congregation here at Catshill, she also was a dedicated member of Network (now MWiB) and served as Treasurer for many years.

Her funeral will take place at Church on Monday 3rd December at 3.30 pm following a private cremation.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Geoff and Vivien and all of Margaret’s family.

Anne



Thanks from Ben

I would like to thank everyone for their incredible contribution at the Coffee Shops you kindly let me do. The response was fantastic, and I can honestly say that I did not expect to raise so much. I have had so many fantastic comments from everyone and I am so grateful for this. The aim of the Jamboree is not just a scout trip and an experience, but it is also to become as good a person as one possibly can be. Having spoken to so many of you, and wider members of the community, you all had stories of your own adventures and messages of goodwill for my own journey, and I can confidently say, that you, the people of Catshill, and the surrounding areas, are some of the kindest and most generous people I have ever met. Along with other donations since the weekend, the total stands at £600, which will cover the payments for December, January, and February, giving me only £600 left to fundraise, out of the £3800 total. This is incredible, and has removed any doubts I had about reaching my goal. I would like to give a special thanks to Hilary and Pete, for giving their time to come and help my cause, and for the fantastic tea! Also thanks to Jan and Bob, for helping me get organised, and all their help since last September, when I was selected.

If you would like any more information about the Jamboree, speak to Jan, message me on my Facebook Page (Ben's Jamboree Journey), or drop me an email at bsimeson17@gmail.com. If you want to keep up to date with my progress, and see what I am doing when I am out there, follow the Facebook page.

Thanks once again,

Ben Simeson
Unit 28

Save the Date

Please join us at Coffee Shop on Saturday 8th December for Carols round the Piano. We are combining this with our Wear a Christmas Jumper morning (optional) which is our annual fundraiser for Save The Children.

Do please join us for coffee and mince pies.

Coffee Shop Committee

CHRISTMAS AT HOME 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