



# Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God  
Welcome Everyone  
Serve the Community**

Newsletter:- December 5<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> 2024

## OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

### WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

**Sunday 8th December - Communion Service**  
led by Rev Latika Singh

**Sunday 15th December - Café style church**  
led by John Webb

Worship plans also available here:  
<https://www.catshillmethodists.org.uk/worship>

### Carol singing round the village

We'll be carol singing door to door around the village on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** starting from our church at 7 pm. Please come along and join us or alternatively if you would like us to come to your house please let Jess know.

### Christmas meal at church

We'll be having a festive meal (Turkey or meat free equivalent, stuffing, jacket potato and salad, Christmas pudding & custard) on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec**, at 6 pm in the youth hall (arrive by 5.30). There is a sign-up sheet in the church porch (please indicate if you prefer the non-meat option). There is no charge but donations are welcome but not necessary. We will also have Christmas Music.

### Christingle – request for help & donations

If you are available to help make Christingles please come to Church on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December between 10 am & 12. A box will also be in the porch from Sunday for any donations of sweets & raisins. Thanks Jess

### Christmas Experience - thanks

Can I say a **huge thank you** to everyone involved in preparing and taking part in the Christmas Experience. What a wonderful 4 days we had, and between us all we told the story of the 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas to 300 people over those 4 days. **Jess** (NB some photos now in the Gallery page on the church website)

### Memories of two building projects

2 memories of building the church (1968) and youth hall (1991) have been added to the Archives page of the website.

### Rendezvous

The next event on December 12<sup>th</sup> is "Thoughts of Christmas" with Janice & Gordon Rhodes. All welcome at 10 am for coffee.

### Wednesday Aaradhana Group

The Aaradhana group will next meet at 7:30pm on **January 15<sup>th</sup>**. All welcome to join this group for Christian fellowship, conversation, Bible study and more.

### BaC-Up (Bereaved and Carer's Group)

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday Jan 28<sup>th</sup>** at 2.30 pm. We meet on the last Tuesday of the month. All carers, present and past, and those bereaved at any time welcome. Join us for chat, coffee/tea & cake!

### Prayer Group

Prayer group meets fortnightly at 10am for about 45 minutes. All are welcome to this important part of our church life. Any prayer requests will be very welcome. Next meeting **Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup>**. **NB this meeting will be at the home of Ian and Angela.**

### Busy Bees

This is an informal group sharing ideas & encouragement on a wide range of craft projects. All are welcome. Next meeting will be at 10.30-12.30 on **December 19<sup>th</sup>** in the church and then fortnightly.

### ECO church information & top tips

Did you know most wrapping papers aren't recyclable? Try wrapping in brown paper, biodegradable wrapping paper or a reusable gift bags instead.

### Dates for your diary

There will be a Curling evening on **Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> January** at 6.00pm, £5 to include a jacket potato, with chilli mince or cheese and a cold drink. Tickets from Tricia or Events Committee Members...

...and a Quiz afternoon on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb** from 1.00 pm in the church - quiz master Dave Morgan. £2 per person including a frankfurter hot dog in a bread roll, tea and coffee. Names to any committee member or sign on the list in the porch.

### Dates of Coach Trips 2025

**31<sup>st</sup> May** – Weston super Mare  
**13<sup>th</sup> September** – Cardiff  
**25<sup>th</sup> October** – Cotswolds

### **Coffee Shop soup and toast is back!**

Coffee Shop soup and toast is back on Friday lunchtimes, from 12.00 (midday) until 1.30pm. All welcome to join us.

### **Coffee shop planned events**

Performance from the Platform Players (schoolchildren playing music) **Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>** 11.30-12.30.

Christmas Music with the Strings Orchestra **Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup>** 11am to midday

Carols around the Piano/Christmas Jumper Day - **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

### **We'll be having a clear out...**

...probably in the first week in January. Please ensure you have either removed items that need to be kept or arranged storage with Ian or Dave. Thank you

### **A Very BIG thank you from Gladys**

Final amount of money raised for Edwards Trust was £392.70 so thank you everyone who supported me at my 'Open Door' I really appreciate your continued support for such a worthy cause. I have had a lovely letter of thanks from them and they send their best wishes to all supported me.

### **And another very BIG thank you from Gladys**

To everyone who contributed in any way towards Teams4U Shoeboxes this year. Despite the economic situation I am pleased to report that 106 shoeboxes were collected from my home plus 38 (collected) from Lickey End First School after only 3 weeks notice! Enjoy the Christmas season for the real reason of God's very special gift to us - JESUS. THANK YOU AGAIN.

### **And a thank you from The Basement**

We've received a thank you email from The Basement for the toys and toiletries donated at our toy service (*attached to email copies*).

### **More Dates for your Diary**

**Sunday 22nd December - Morning Worship led by Rev Anne Smith**

**Sunday 22nd December - NB at 5 p.m. - Candlelight Carol Service led by Rev Latika Singh**

**Tuesday 24th December - NB at 4 p.m. - Christingle Service led by Rev Latika Singh**

**Wednesday 25th December - Christmas Morning worship led by Dave Morgan**

**Sunday 29th December - Morning Worship led by James Knott**

## **OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS**

### **Circuit News for Advent & Christmas**

**Studley Christmas Tree festival:** Dec 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> (*see poster attached to email copies only*)

**Lickey End Christmas Tree & Lantern Festival:** Dec 21<sup>st</sup> (*poster attached to email copies*)

**Dementia Friendly Carol Service:** Friday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 2-4 pm at Bromsgrove Methodist Centre Singing & refreshments.

**2 changes to Christmas Day services** – both Bromsgrove & Crabbs Cross services will begin at 10 am not 10.30 as in the plan.

### **Hub Happenings – Circuit News**

The first edition of the above is attached (*email copies only*). This is an exciting new opportunity for our circuit so please take time out to read it.

### **Peckwood Forest Activities**

<https://www.facebook.com/Peckwood-Forest-Space-107329065639646>

### **Live streamed services from Studley**

<https://www.youtube.com/@studleymethodistchurch/streams>

## **DISTRICT & OTHER NEWS & EVENTS**

### **MWiB information**

Winter newsletter and Prayer Diary Dec 2024 to Feb 2025 attached (*email copies only*)

### **PRAYER FOR ADVENT**

In this Advent of expectation  
draw us together in unity,  
that our praise and worship  
might echo around us  
and also through our lives.

In this Advent of expectation  
draw us together in mission,  
that the hope within  
might be the song we sing,  
and the melody of our lives.

In this Advent of expectation  
draw us together in service,  
that the path we follow  
might lead us from a stable  
to a glimpse of eternity. Amen.

**Notices and News to Dave Morgan at [meandi@btinternet.com](mailto:meandi@btinternet.com) by 5 p.m. on Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup> please**

*If you are reading a printed copy of this and would like it on email please let Dave know.*

**These notices are also available here:**

<https://www.catshillmethodists.org.uk/notices>