



# Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God  
Welcome Everyone  
Serve the Community**

Newsletter: December 19<sup>th</sup> 2024–January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025

## OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

### WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

**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**

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

### 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 20th 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 23rd December between 10 am & 12. A box will also be in the porch from Sunday for any donations of sweets & raisins. Thanks Jess

### Christmas cards on display

There are Christmas cards to and from church members and friends on the board next to the entrance to the kitchen area. Please check out who are sending greetings to us. There is also a list on the website (News & Events page) with a photo as at Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Rendezvous

The next event, on **January 2<sup>nd</sup>**, will be a "social get together". 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. The next meeting will be on **January 7<sup>th</sup>**.

### 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 **January 9<sup>th</sup>** in the church and then fortnightly.

### ECO church information & top tips

We eat nearly 800 million mince pies in the UK over the Christmas period. Simply wipe out the foil tray & then you can recycle it.

### Dates for your diary

There will be a Curling evening on **Saturday, 11th 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

### Greeting Cards

Ian Athey has placed a box of cards that Chris had collected, in the porch. Please help yourself and perhaps put a small donation to church funds in the collection plate (or hand to coffee shop).

### **Coffee shop planned events**

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

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

**Sunday 5th January - Covenant & Communion service led by Rev Latika Singh with the Mission Praise band**

**Sunday 12th January - Morning Worship led by Maureen Foxall**

### **OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS**

**Circuit News for Advent & Christmas**  
**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.

### **MORE changes to Christmas Day services** – as

well as Bromsgrove & Crabbs Cross services now beginning at 10 am not 10.30 as in the plan (reported in last notices), Lickey End has now announced their Christmas Day service will also start at 10 am and not 10.30 am. Meanwhile the service at Alcester on Dec 25<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.

### **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)

### **Amplify 2025 – deadline approaches!**

A reminder that registration for tickets & steward applications for Amplify 2025 (in March) ends on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Tickets are priced at £40 for young people and £20 for leaders. More information about Amplify including access to ticket sales, forms and information of upcoming dates here: [birminghammethodist.org.uk/amplify](http://birminghammethodist.org.uk/amplify)

### **PRAYERS FOR ADVENT**

As we approach Christmas – the season of "Peace on earth and Goodwill to all" let's pray

- for those under oppression, that they might find freedom;
- for those facing conflict and war, that they might find peace;
- for those who are sick, that they might find healing;
- for those who are bereaved or sad, that they might find comfort;
- for those who are frightened, that they might find a way to overcome their fear;
- for those who are homeless, that they might find shelter;
- for those who are hungry or thirsty, that they might find food and water;
- for those who are depressed, that they might find new hope;

And for those of us who are free, at peace, happy, well off and well fed, that we may find more ways of sharing. Amen.

God of hope, who brought love into this world, be the love that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought peace into this world, be the peace that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought joy into this world, be the joy that dwells between us.

God of hope, the rock we stand upon, be the centre, the focus of our lives

always, and particularly this Advent time. Amen

**Notices and News to Dave Morgan at [meandi@btinternet.com](mailto:meandi@btinternet.com) by 5 p.m. on Thursday January 2<sup>nd</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>

***We wish you and happy, joyful and meaningful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.***

