



# Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God  
Welcome Everyone  
Serve the Community**

Newsletter: January 2<sup>nd</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 2025



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

### WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

**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**

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

### Rendezvous

The next event is on **January 16<sup>th</sup>** when Maureen Foxall will speak about "Hospital Chaplaincy". All welcome at 10 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 New Year's Resolutions!

5 suggested Eco New Year's resolutions:

- 1. Shop your wardrobe!** Try & wear everything in your wardrobe this year instead of buying anything new. Repair as necessary
- 2. Regift or donate unwanted Christmas gifts!** If everyone in the UK did this it could save £48m worth of presents going into landfill.
- 3. Switch to a reusable cup!** If we did this when getting a hot drink from our local coffee shop it would stop 500 million take away cups from landfill.
- 4. Say no to single use plastics!** Look for alternatives packaging such as glass or aluminium which can be recycled indefinitely.
- 5. Fight food waste!** Plan your meals. Shop locally or grow your own where possible.

### January Church Dates for your diary

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm** - Worship Consultation on zoom. Everyone welcome to attend to help shape our worship. If you'd like the zoom link please let Jess know.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**, in person, Christmas Experience feedback meeting and first look at Easter Experience. If you'd like to be involved whether as a story tellers, guide or help behind the scenes. Do come along.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am**, in person, Eco Church team meeting. 45 minutes... would you like to be involved in helping keeping us green at CMC.

### Event 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).

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

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

### **Worship Dates for your Diary**

**Sunday 19th January - Café style church led by Deacon Janet Thomas**

**Sunday 26th January - Morning worship led by Dave Morgan**

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

#### **Peckwood Forest Activities**

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

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

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

### **THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR**

As we say goodbye to 2024 and welcome 2025, let's do it with a thankful heart, starting the New Year with peace and faith. Let's let go of any hard feelings or frustrations from the past year and take the opportunity of a new beginning to say sorry to those we've hurt and offer forgiveness to others.

Remember, God loves us and wants the best for us. Let's enter the New Year, ready to live the life He wants for us!

### **PRAYERS FOR THIS NEW YEAR**

Heavenly Father, as we start this New Year, we want to express our thanks for the past year's blessings. Thank you for your faithfulness, your love, and your constant presence in our lives. We acknowledge your sovereignty over the days gone by and the days yet to come.

And so we look to you, our hope, our peace, and our comfort in this New Year. As we enter into the unknown of the coming year, we ask for your guidance and wisdom. Illuminate our path with your light so that we may walk in your ways and make choices that align with your will. Help us to seek first your kingdom and trust that all other things will be added unto us.

So as we face both known and unknown challenges of the coming year, grant us strength and courage. Help us to rely on your mighty power and to find our refuge in you. May we be steadfast in our faith, knowing that you are our rock and our fortress. Amen.

Thought & prayers from [www.christianity.com](http://www.christianity.com)

**Notices and News to Dave Morgan at [meandi@btinternet.com](mailto:meandi@btinternet.com) by 5 p.m. on Thursday January 16<sup>th</sup> please**

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

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