



Let me introduce myself. For six months from March – August I will be the minister at Langley Methodist Church as the church is between normal ministers. Officially I retired in 2014 but Methodist ministers never fully retire they are just available for when they are needed.

I am looking forward to the six months and getting to know the village. Although inevitably, being with you for a relatively short time, I won't get to know the village as well as those ministers who are with you longer. Do please introduce yourselves to me.

As a minister I have mainly served in larger town centre churches, most recently in West Yorkshire, but it was from a smaller church in a village on the outskirts of Chester that I offered for the ministry. So Langley will be a return closer to my roots.

For those who come along to worship at the church I will try to provide services that are welcoming and not over formal but nevertheless carefully thought through. My background is a mathematical and scientific one and that informs my approach to faith. For me Christian faith is not an irrational leap in the dark but a response to the God who reveals himself in history, science and personal experience.

My home is in Marple so I won't be living in the village. But Marple is only a dozen miles away and doesn't take long in the car. If you need to contact me as the Methodist minister for Langley my phone number is 0161 637 4326 and my email is minister@langleymethodist.co.uk

I look forward to getting to know many of you.

Revd. Ian Coverdale