

**LANGLEY  
METHODIST**

# **NEWS**



May  
2020



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## LANGLEY VISION STATEMENT

“To maintain a growing, caring and welcoming fellowship that develops spiritual growth and wholeness through worship and outreach to the community.”

## LANGLEY CHURCH CONTACTS

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## Activities at Langley Methodist Church

Following the Government's advice on social gatherings, the regular activities of Langley Chapel have been suspended until further notice.

The dates and times and contact detail below are legacy information for guidance if you need to contact any group for information when there is any news of an easing of the lock down.

### Regular Activities

Coffee & Chat	10.30 am	Wednesday
Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Thursday
Lunch Club	1.00 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month

### Other Activities During Term Time

Little Lambs	10.00 a.m	Monday
Yoga	1.30 p.m	Monday (places available)
Scottish Dancing	6.30 p.m	Tuesday Juniors
	7.30 p.m	Tuesday Adults
T'ai Chi	6.45 p.m	Wednesday
Craft Group	10.00 a.m	Thursday
U3A Painting Grp	10.15 -12.15	Friday
	1.30 - 3.30	Friday

### Contact information.

Little Lambs	Sarah Sinnett	07762497985
Lunch Club	Marie Gilbert	01260 253126
U3A Painting Grp	Jackie Gibbs	07843 799614
Scottish Dancing	Joan Bradbury	01260 252976
T'ai Chi	Karen Davies	01477 534667
Yoga	Marion Duff	01625 528650

*Members have been sharing thoughts and experiences during the Isolation Period*

*This was Debbie & Peter's Easter Sunday  
Debbie writes:-*



I Thought I would share our Easter Sunday - am happy for it to be shared further - it might be nice if we collect stories from people to share ?

After enjoying the materials shared for today (*online worship videos produced by Graham, Ros & Helen.. Ed.*) joined the team at Manchester testing centre and distributed heroes Easter eggs to all the incredibly hard working staff who are on the front line to test NHS staff and key workers.



Then a walk along the Gritstone Trail, lots of lambs, bluebells, gorgeous views !



*Doreen Dean sent these pictures of new life at Allgreave Farm*



## *Back to the Front Line*



Generic Picture

I qualified as a registered general nurse over 30 years ago, working in cardiac critical care for 12 years and since then I have worked as a specialist cardiac rehabilitation practitioner.

With the outbreak of Covid-19 and the increasing demands on health service, there was a need for extra front line staff. Like many of my colleagues I was approached to help out and to return to working as ward nurse. My skills working as a ward nurse were very much out of date and therefore I was provided with some refresher training. Then with a great deal of trepidation I started working back on a medical ward.

Despite the training I still felt extremely apprehensive and to be honest a little scared. It was not only the worry of the potential risk associated with the virus, to me and my family but the feeling of anxiety that I would not be able to adapt to the change and be a valuable support to the ward team and patients in my care. They may not sound too onerous but challenges included, working out how to use all the new-fangled medical equipment, updating on different medication and treatment management and even just the day to day running of the ward which has changed considerably.

I have also seen the anguish caused to patients and their families from the enforced isolation which is extremely difficult for them to deal with. However,

despite these challenging times there is a great feeling of camaraderie with everyone working incredibly hard to ensure that all patients are cared for to the highest standard and I feel privileged to be part of the amazing NHS!

*Paula Spray*

### Smile Lines

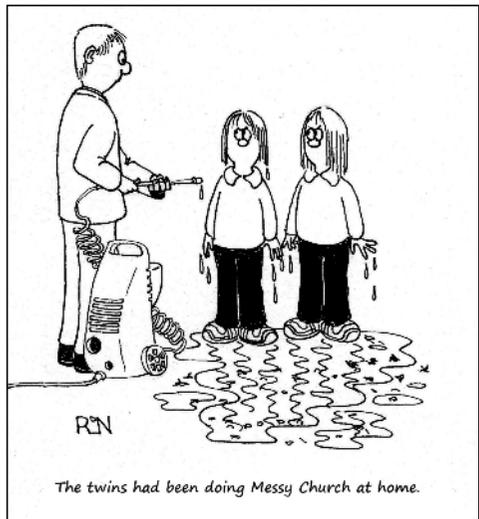
#### **Worth remembering.**

A man felt he was overloaded in the 'trouble shooting department' of his office, until he found this memo on his desk. "Be thankful for the problems, for if they were less difficult, someone with less ability would have your job."

#### **A wee bit too pious**

A Scottish lady invited a gentleman to dinner on a particular day, and he accepted with the dour reservation: "If I am spared."

"Weel, weel," she replied briskly, "If ye 're deid I'll no' expect ye."



## Sutton WI

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INSPIRING WOMEN

### Easter Decoration Workshop.



On March 16<sup>th</sup>, some of our members enjoyed a sunny afternoon of making Easter decorations at Langley Village Hall. The Easter bunny garland was a popular choice and many were made along with folded Easter egg hanging decorations and stuffed fabric bunnies. Some members took their items home to decorate their own homes whilst others were made for grandchildren. We were all thrilled with our decorations and we were sure there would be many positive comments from friends and family when they were put on display. Crafting

was hungry work but helped by a good cuppa and delicious Easter shortbread courtesy of Sue Draper.

Sadly, it was our last WI event for a while due to the Coronavirus crisis but there was a smile on all our faces having spent a productive afternoon crafting!



The bunny bunting was displayed in many members' windows, reproducing round the village just like rabbits!

## Cheshire Federation of WI Centenary Commemorative Tree



Old and New Presidents at the planting of said tree last Autumn.

We were to commemorate the planting of an apple tree on Tunncliffe Road with a plaque to celebrate the Centenary of Cheshire Federation on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, but due to the Covid-19 isolation guidelines we postponed the erection of the plaque until the Autumn, hopefully.



*Viv Warrington*



### **Langley Life**

#### **Delightful daffodils**

Martin Brown and Maggie Earle who are part of the Open Garden scheme, together with the community volunteer team, planted this lovely display of daffodils over 3 days last autumn beside the recently cleared woods and drainage ditch. This display has really been appreciated by all the villagers and the

woods are great for exploring with the children.

Frances Brown said they have also been planted in many other places around the 3 villages for the last 5 years. Watch out for the white bulbs under the sycamore in the Pleasance.

*Viv Warrington*

**How the Virus Stole Easter by, Kristi Bothur  
(with a nod to Dr. Seuss)**

'Twas late in '19 when the virus began  
Bringing chaos and fear to all people, each land.

People were sick, hospitals full,  
Doctors overwhelmed, no one in school.

As winter gave way to the promise of spring,  
The virus raged on, touching peasant and king.

People hid in their homes from the enemy unseen.  
They YouTubed and ZOOMed, social-distanced, and cleaned.

April approached and churches were closed.  
"There won't be an Easter," the world supposed.

"There won't be church services, and egg hunts are out.  
No reason for new dresses when we can't go about."

Holy Week started, as bleak as the rest.  
The world was focused on masks and on tests.

"Easter can't happen this year," it proclaimed.  
"Online and at home, it just won't be the same."

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the days came and went.  
The virus pressed on; it just would not relent.

The world woke Sunday and nothing had changed.  
The virus still menaced, the people, estranged.

"Pooh pooh to the saints," the world was grumbling.  
"They're finding out now that no Easter is coming.

"They're just waking up! We know just what they'll do!  
Their mouths will hang open a minute or two,

And then all the saints will all cry boo-hoo.

"That noise," said the world, "will be something to hear."  
So it paused and the world put a hand to its ear.

And it did hear a sound coming through all the skies.  
It started down low, then it started to rise.

But the sound wasn't depressed.  
Why, this sound was triumphant!

It couldn't be so!  
But it grew with abundance!

The world stared around, popping its eyes.  
Then it shook! What it saw was a shocking surprise!

Every saint in every nation, the tall and the small,  
Was celebrating Jesus in spite of it all!

It hadn't stopped Easter from coming! It came!  
Somehow or other, it came just the same!

And the world with its life quite stuck in quarantine  
Stood puzzling and puzzling.

"Just how can it be?"

"It came without bonnets, it came without bunnies,  
It came without egg hunts, cantatas, or money."

Then the world thought of something it hadn't before.  
"Maybe Easter," it thought, "doesn't come from a store.  
Maybe Easter, perhaps, means a little bit more."

And what happened then?  
Well....the story's not done.  
What will YOU do?

Will you share with that one  
Or two or more people needing hope in this night?  
Will you share the source of your life in this fight?

The churches are empty - but so is the tomb,  
And Jesus is victor over death, doom, and gloom.

So this year at Easter, let this be our prayer,  
As the virus still rages all around, everywhere.

May the world see hope when it looks at God's people.  
May the world see the church is not a building or steeple.  
May the world find Faith in Jesus' death and resurrection,  
May the world find Joy in a time of dejection.

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From Debbie White who received it from friends in America who have  
visited Langley Chapel.

## ***Sutton Parish Council***

### **Sutton Parish Council**

On the 20<sup>th</sup> March and in light of the Coronavirus pandemic, Sutton Parish Council held an Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council to adopt delegated powers. These powers allowed Members to suspend the holding of meetings for the time being. Council business however continues under these powers so please continue to contact us if you have any concerns or issues. It is likely that our May and possibly our June meetings will also be suspended and in the long-term Council meetings may have to be held virtually.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Sutton Parish Council had no objection to applications 20/1028M (Lyme Green Hall Nursing Home. Listed building consent for proposed external alteration of existing window to a set of double doors) or 20/1355M (Hillside, Coalpit Lane, Langley, SK11 0DQ. 2 storey and single storey rear extension) unless deemed un-neighbourly.

### **FINANCE**

**Receipts Included** – Allotment insurance £12, Cheshire East Council £11,250 (1<sup>st</sup> instalment of parish precept).

#### **Payments Included**

Arrow Business Machines Ltd (envelopes and printing for Sunflower competition) £17.28, Cheshire Demolition (skip hire for Lyme Green allotments) £198.

Members also agreed to accept quote for the continued maintenance in The Pleasance and Ridge Hill and arranged for lighting column 29 (Fitzwilliam Avenue) to be repaired.

### **SUNFLOWER COMPETITION**

We were also able to drop off the sunflower seeds just before the school closed and we look forward to seeing the results in September.

### **PLAYING FIELDS – LYME GREEN**

Ansa were unable to complete the drainage before the lock-down. We hope that this will be completed once social distancing is over.

If you have any enquiries, please contact the Clerk - [suttonparish@aol.com](mailto:suttonparish@aol.com)  
Website - <http://suttonparish.co.uk/>

## SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Up-date on Covid-19 Parish Volunteer Group

In early March a group of local people from Langley met to discuss how they might help those who would be particularly vulnerable during the coronavirus outbreak. From that grew the local Covid-19 volunteer group, which covers the whole of Sutton Parish including Langley, Sutton and Lyme Green.

There are local volunteer coordinators for each of the villages and surrounding areas and a central coordinator who manages the central phone. The group has the support of the local parish church (St. James) and the Parish Council.

By late March there were 93 people, across all the villages, who had come forward to explore being volunteers. This has since increased to 107. This is a fantastic response. There are currently about 47 volunteers actively supporting 38 households who are having to self-isolate and/or have particular vulnerabilities.

A huge thank you needs to go out to all those who are giving up their time to support others. Support is usually in the form of shopping, picking up prescriptions or telephone contact for those who just need to have a chat.

When volunteering the safety of the volunteers and the people they are helping is a priority. If you would like to volunteer or if you are self-isolating or shielding and would like some help, please phone the central number **07783 313982**.

*Please note that the Parish Volunteer Group are linked in with the  
“Cheshire East People Helping People”  
initiative set up by Cheshire East Council.*

# CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## Cheshire East People Helping People

The coronavirus pandemic is a challenging time for everyone, but the kindness already being shown in our communities is outstanding. We want to build on this to ensure our vulnerable and isolated residents receive the help and support they need. If you would like to offer support or need help with the following;

- Shopping / gathering medical supplies
- Meal Delivery
- Advice and Guidance
- A friendly phone call
- Or another support service...

Please contact us:

Call: 0300 123 5034

or

Register online: [cheshireeast.gov.uk/peoplehelpingpeople](https://cheshireeast.gov.uk/peoplehelpingpeople)

### **Coronavirus is contagious.**

Please take every precaution to ensure you are only spreading kindness.

Avoid physical contact (2m distance). Wash your hands regularly. Leave items on doorstep.

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## KEEPING IN TOUCH

- Church Stewards are contacting members of the congregation on a weekly basis.
- Our Minister together with the members of the Circuit Staff are producing worship services on line and producing a weekly newsletter. The services can be accessed on YouTube at “Macclesfield Methodist Circuit”.
- Church Stewards

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### 10<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May Christian aid Week.

#### Updated guidance

Amanda Khozi Mukwashi, the CEO of Christian Aid, has written to all of those involved in helping with Christian Aid Week this month:

Under the current circumstances, house-to-house collections and delivery-only collections should not go ahead.

“We are working on alternative plans that will allow people to take part in Christian Aid Week in different, creative ways – by post, by text and online that strengthen our communities during this challenging time.

**As for the work of Christian Aid around the world,** “Christian Aid and our partners already have experience of limiting the spread of infection during the Ebola crisis, and we will build on this experience. People in poorer countries are already living with reduced health resilience because of extreme poverty, or in overcrowded humanitarian camps. They also do not have good healthcare infrastructures. We will be working on the ground to help prepare communities to limit the impact of Covid-19.

## Chapel Anniversary

SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> MAY

How can we Celebrate in Lockdown?

Ideas to Stewards please and we will see  
what we can do

### NEXT ISSUE

Items for the June 2020 Issue should be given to Alan Chapman by lunch time on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2020**.  
Items accepted as follows: paper copy, disc or email.

Please copy emails to both  
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