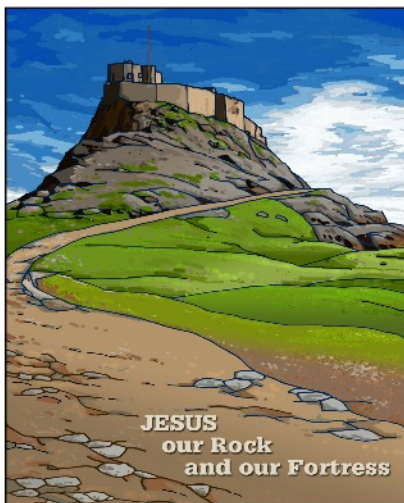


LANGLEY
METHODIST

NEWS



July and August
2020



keeping in touch

Ministers: All the congregation
Contact: Rev Dr Graham M Edwards
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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.”

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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 nd 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

Methodists raise money for struggling Ugandans

All We Can, the relief arm of the Methodist Church, is appealing to people to support its Emergency Coronavirus Appeal by doing a 10 km sponsored walk.

The 'In Her Shoes' challenge aims to raise money to buy bicycles for people in rural Uganda, who must spend hours walking to get anywhere. Having a bicycle will be their first step on the long road out of poverty.

All We Can says: "During this period of lockdown, with public transport banned, bicycles have been an essential way for communities in rural Uganda to visit markets, health centres, and other services. Support for the [Emergency Coronavirus Appeal](#) has helped make regularly sanitised bicycles available for these communities – enabling expectant mothers reach health centres to safely deliver their babies, and families to continue to travel to market, to buy and sell vital food supplies. After lockdown is over, bicycles will continue to change the many lives.

You can join the 'In Her Shoes Challenge' and raise money for All We Can. Simply create a Facebook fundraiser or a Just Giving fundraising page, and then share it with your friends and family.

Details at:

<https://www.allwecan.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise/in-her-shoes-challenge/>

Christian Aid's concern for women during Covid-19

The ACT Alliance, a network of 135 faith-based actors and churches operating in 120 countries, has called attention to the gendered dimension of Covid-19. It is urging that the international community, including churches and religious organisations, should take this into account.

Women are afforded fewer rights than men worldwide, and although the disease itself might cause higher mortality amongst men, it is clear that the social impacts of Covid-19 will impact women the most.

Women living in poverty do not have the ability to take time off work, do not have adequate access to housing to self-isolate, and cannot stockpile provisions.

Poor women, girls and vulnerable groups are least likely to be able to access healthcare and treatment. The situation will be critical for women migrant workers, women on the move and those living in refugee camps or slums.

Daniela Varano, Communications Officer at ACT Alliance said: "Domestic violence cases have risen dramatically as women and girls across most countries have been quarantined, often with their abusers. It is crucial that all governments put in place affirmative actions and inclusive policies that level the playing field."

ACT Alliance, together with its members, has launched a Global Appeal to support the most marginalised communities during this crisis.

Members share thoughts and experiences during
Lockdown.

Walking the Gritstone Trail Heather Self



My plan for the end of May was to walk Hadrian's Wall with a friend, but when it became clear that wasn't going to be possible I decided to spend my week's holiday walking the Gritstone Trail instead.

The beginning of the week was very hot, and the climb up to White Nancy was challenging! .



A shorter second day meant glorious views from Tegg's Nose, then down to Langley Reservoir and across the fields to home in Higher Sutton.



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Wednesday was cooler for the walk up to Croker Hill and down towards Bosley. We saw lots of larks ascending, two curlews, a badger and a deer. We decided to leave Bosley Cloud for the next day - a wise decision as it's a long climb up to glorious views and then a scramble down rocks to Timbersbrook.

The final day included the dramatic folly at Mow Cop and then a gentler walk along the canal to the end of the Trail at Kidsgrove.

35 miles of glorious walking (and a total of 5800 feet of ascent!) - how lucky we are to have this on our doorstep.



“Journey’s End”

The map of the Trail is here if anyone wants to try all or part of it.

<https://www.visitcheshire.com/things-to-do/the-gritstone-trail-p49561>

Sutton WI
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INSPIRING WOMEN

This article has been received from The Roberts Family which we thought would interest you. Joyce Roberts is a member of Sutton WI and has been since 1992. Joyce lives in Lyme Green, Sutton.



Grandma at work



The finished masks

A grandma in isolation has put her sewing machine skills to work, making masks for the community. Initially, Grandma Joyce made some for her family, giving her eldest granddaughter, Alicia, the idea to offer masks in return for donations to East Cheshire Hospice. Abiding by social distancing, in her spare time Alicia has project managed mask making from taking orders, production to delivery - drafting in help from younger cousins and family members.

"It has helped me to fill my time with a real purpose being in isolation for such a long time," says the 81-year-old grandmother of 5.

She wants to thank the kindness of people from Lyme Green, Sutton, Langley and further afield, for their generous donations of materials, as without these, they would not have been able to keep up the daily output of masks. Joyce and her family are extremely overwhelmed with the ongoing support and generosity having now raised £2000 – every single penny donated going to East Cheshire Hospice. **The Roberts family.**

Doris Graham 100



Doris Graham joined Sutton WI over 35 years and said that she had thoroughly enjoyed being a member, enjoying the monthly meeting, friendship and warmth of the group. She was involved in many activities particularly the drama group and also the Amblers walking group in later life. During the war years Doris made bomb shells at Scraggs. Doris

will be 100 on 21st June and we wish her all the very best of good health and happiness. Doris lives in Sutton but retired from our WI a few years ago when her friend Doris Hill passed away. She is pictured here with Doris Hill (left) both very glamorous ladies. We used to call them the Two Dorises. Quite Inspiring Women, I think you would agree.

Viv Warrington

Editor: The Revd Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'... this was written before lockdown.

Beware the spell-checker on your special service sheets!

The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

When producing material for your magazine or church services, beware the computer spell-checker. We once let our own system check a Christmas carol sheet and, on the night, found ourselves obliged to sing "away in a manger", mangers apparently being unknown to our machine.

If you use special sheets regularly, it seems a law of nature – as with metal coat hangers - that they all intermingle while no one is watching. Thus, on Easter Day, half the congregation will have been issued with sheets for Harvest, which will only become obvious once the service begins. The first hymn will be entirely lost while scuttle about looking for replacements only to find that there won't be enough of them anyway and then the second hymn will be lost while others helpfully wander about church donating their sheets to those looking helpless and then trying to find someone to share with.

Never, ever, print on them 'Do not take home' as this will only ensure everyone does so. I have sometimes wondered if the instruction '*Take this sheet home for reference*' would ensure that they stayed neatly arranged in the pews after the service. And if it is a service where babies are likely to be present, be assured that many of the copies will be returned half chewed and coated with bits of whatever the infant had for breakfast. There must be a market for paper treated with a child-repellent flavour for such occasions.

Anyone who thinks we are an unimaginative nation should visit a church after a special service to see how many places members of congregations can invent to hide the booklets: under kneelers, neatly folded and hidden inside hymn books, among flower arrangements and behind heating pipes so that no one can quite reach them. They then lurk there reproachfully for the next ten years until mice solve the problem.

No, stick to large, hard bound books. They are resistant to teeth and are too substantial to be hidden in pockets. Their only drawback is that they tend to fall victim to the pull of gravity at the quietest moments.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



Sutton Parish Council

During April and May, due to the ongoing Covid-19 crisis, Sutton Parish Council operated under delegated powers. These powers allowed the suspension of all meetings during this health crisis.

Parish Councils are now permitted to make decisions in a virtual conferencing format. Our June meeting was therefore held virtually on the 25th June. Council business will be continuing under these powers so please continue to contact us if you have any concerns or issues.

As with normal meetings of the Council, each meeting is conducted in public with members of the public being able to witness the decisions being made and also contribute during any agenda item highlighted as '**Public Participation**'.

Any member of the public wishing to join a virtual meeting will need to contact the Parish Clerk and fill in a consent form. Please contact the Parish Clerk at least six hours before the meeting and, following receipt of the consent form, a link to the meeting will be issued. You can also access the meeting by telephone.

Our next meeting will be held virtually on **Thursday 23rd July at 7.30 p.m.** Please be aware that the dates for our future Parish Council Meetings may change from those advertised on our website depending on current guidelines.

Meeting agendas and minutes are available on our website or from the Parish Clerk. If you have any enquiries, please contact:

Mrs S Giller

Tel: 01625 850532

Email address: suttonparish@aol.com

Website: <http://suttonparish.co.uk/>

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.

We have had a fantastic response across all the villages and have 107 volunteers who are actively supporting 39 households having to self-isolate and/or have particular vulnerabilities.

We have noticed that demand is reducing as people become more confident about coming out however, we will continue to support where needed.

A huge thank you needs to go out to all those who are giving up their time to support others.

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

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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People News

Bill Brown – we were very sorry to hear that Bill Brown of Fitzwilliam Avenue passed away on Monday 22/6/2020. Bill was a keen walker and at one time very active in ensuring, with the Ramblers, that footpaths were recognised, kept open and signposted. Bill had been in care in Congleton for a couple or so years and our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Betty and children Sue and Mark and their families.



Derek McBryde - Derek sends his thanks to everyone who sent good wishes, offers of help and prayers following his fall and head injury. He is still taking things quietly but making good progress and will have the stitches removed during next week.



Diamond Wedding Anniversary

Many congratulations to Cynthia and Hedley's friends **Noel & Margaret Gee** (néé Robinson) who were married at Langley on 31st August 1960. The Rev. Brian Holland officiated at the ceremony. Margaret was from Langley and Noel from Wildboarclough; they now live in Lyme Green.

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”.
- An Evening service via ZOOM at 6:30 p.m. Every Sunday - please contact a Church Steward for sign on details.

Church Stewards

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Margaret Robinson (01625 619837) Heather Self (01260 253480)

Paula Spray (01625 434742)

NEXT ISSUE

Items for the September 2020 Issue should be given to Alan Chapman by lunch time on **Saturday 22nd August 2020.**

Items accepted as follows: paper copy, disc or email.

Please copy emails to both
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