

LANGLEY
METHODIST

NEWS



June 2020



Keeping in touch

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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
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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

CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY

162 Years Old

SUNDAY 31st MAY

A very strange chapel anniversary with the chapel in lockdown. This is usually a time of celebration and greeting friends who have come to join in the services and hear a well known preacher.

Well we have the preacher, Rev. Dr Keith Davies, who retired a year or two ago, but was the chair of the Manchester and Stockport District and a very good friend of Langley Church. Keith has written a letter to the members of the congregation and they will get copies over the Anniversary Weekend.

The lockdown opens up other possibilities we wouldn't have thought of 3 months ago. The weekend will be shared with the other churches in the Circuit through the online worship service on Sunday morning and again during the Evening ZOOM service.

The last 3 months are probably the most disruptive period in the life of the Chapel, 2 world Wars and the 1918/19 'flu epidemic did not force the building to be shutdown. We have had to learn new ways of being a worshipping community which has been interesting, instructive and well out of our comfort zones. We do not know which of the innovations will continue and which will fall by the wayside but we hope and pray that we can celebrate the 163rd anniversary in a more customary form next year.

Ruth Naden

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Ruth Naden on 16th May. Ruth together with her husband Percy farmed at Lake House farm for many years until retiring to Walker Lane. Ruth and Percy were staunch supporters of Langley Chapel and always welcoming and friendly. Ruth had to go into full time care about 4/5 years ago and it was a pleasure to visit Ruth when she would ask after all her friends in Langley and Sutton. She was bright and cheerful in the care home but became increasingly frustrated as she lost her mobility. Ruth read widely and often said how thankful she was that she could continue to read her books and magazines. Ruth celebrated her centenary in September last year with a few friends and family gathered at the home.

Ruth's funeral is at 11:20 a.m. on Wednesday 3rd June at Macclesfield Crematorium, with close family only due to Covid-19 restrictions.

The family have indicated that donations in Ruth's memory will be for the upkeep of the Over Alderley Methodist Graveyard.

Cheques should be in favour of Macclesfield Methodist Circuit and sent to J W Brocklehurst 17 Macclesfield Rd, Prestbury, Macclesfield SK10 4BW

Members share thoughts and experiences during Lockdown. This was Debbie & Peter White's Cycle Ride



Following our April update we thought we would share some more photos from our walks and cycle rides during lockdown. On May 8th Peter and I went for a cycle ride to Congleton along the canal towpath. We were delighted to bump into Dora whilst she was having her daily exercise. She was in very good spirits. We took a photo and continued on our way.

We then saw a young goose family and a cow having a paddle - thought these pictures might brighten up your day if you haven't been able to get out.



Finally, each day as I go to work in the DHSC, I walk past Methodist Central Hall, a lovely twice daily reminder of all our Langley Chapel



*Socially
Distanced
Celebrations in
Sutton*



Sutton WI
MAY 2020
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INSPIRING WOMEN

Ladies in Lavender

At our last Craft Meeting in April before the lockdown, we discussed the next project and came up with the idea of producing lavender bags for all our members. Around five members produced over 70 bags over the first couple of weeks of the lockdown. We ordered lavender from Yorkshire (the best!) and used up fabric from our bits boxes. They were hand delivered to our members with a lovely printed card which proved to be very popular and much appreciated according to the emails we received.



Laura Shiel

Laura Shiel who was a member of Sutton WI for over 50 years has died of Covid-19. She was a lovely lady but we hadn't seen her for some time due to her deteriorating health.

Laura served on the committee as Treasurer in 1976 when the President was Mrs Vince and Secretary Mrs Wellwood.

The photo shows Laura and Olive receiving bouquets to congratulate them on their 50 years of Sutton WI membership in 2011.



Viv Warrington

That's Langley Life



Langley Call Box Library

Ann and Tony Holland turned the old telephone box on Cock Hall Lane opposite Chapel into a Exchange Library for all to use. People are able to donate, exchange and borrow books, games and jigsaws. They even supplied anti-bacterial wipes! Well done and a big thank you Ann and Tony for all the work and thought you both put into this in cleaning the call box and making the shelves which are now crammed. What a great idea.



Editor: The Revd Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace' an occasional series

On why holding an Arts Festival in church is not a good idea

The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Your decision to hold a Summer weekend Arts Festival in church, bringing culture to your inner-city streets, was most commendable. Pity, how it all turned out.

The Friday evening started well with the concert of Scott Joplin piano music. Obviously knowing that the pieces were originally played in seedy bars on pianos wildly out of tune with several notes missing, your committee must have gone to endless trouble to find precisely the right instrument. Your stage-hands, were, however, less careful and hadn't noticed that the platform had a noticeable list to port. After each piece, the pianist had to relocate the piano stool closer to his nomadic piano, with the last piece being performed with both entirely out of sight behind the pulpit.

It created much innocent entertainment for the audience, but the fault really should have been remedied before the Saturday evening choir concert. Discarded kneelers and rotting hymn books do not form a stable base for a stage supporting an 80-strong choir. So when it came to the enthusiastic rendering of hits from 'Oklahoma', with copious hand movements, it came as something of a relief that the stage took this as the moment to signal defeat, tipping the tenors behind the altar. The audience's thunderous applause, assuming this was a carefully choreographed part of the performance, was quite touching. I am sure all the compensation claims will soon be sorted out.

Your one great mistake was to take on responsibility for organising the refreshments afterwards. Church entertainments committees have centuries of collective experience in judging the numbers of ham sandwiches and bottles of milk required. I am forever proud that our own ladies – through years of experience – can now get five cups of tea from every tea bag and can butter bread so thinly that one pack can last several months.

What you now do with 29 surplus loaves of bread is a problem you have brought upon yourself. You could possibly use them for supporting the stage next year.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Love Yourself - Love Your Neighbour

The Methodists have launched a new social media campaign, #loveyourself #loveyourneighbour.

It aims to engage “with the many wellbeing conversations that have recently sprung up.

At its centre is a gentle rhythm of daily contemplation and action for those of faith, those searching, and those who do not know what they believe.”

#loveyourself #loveyourneighbour aims to “share the riches of the Christian faith in a way that is easily accessible, and to connect with those who have no prior contact with the church and who don’t use or understand religious language.”

St. Mary's Belfast

This article appeared in Premier Christian News. It gives an interesting insight in what we may have to do in churches & halls etc. when the lockdown is lifted. 23/05/20

A historic Belfast city centre church has re-opened for private prayer. The outside grotto at St Mary's on Chapel Lane opened on Saturday morning while the church itself will open on Monday.

However social distancing rules have reduced capacity from 400-500 to just 30.

Northern Ireland's First Minister Arlene Foster and Deputy First Minister Michelle O'Neill announced earlier in the week that churches may reopen for private prayer as part of a series of lockdown relaxations.

While getting the church ready, Fr. Tim Bartlett told the PA news agency he is thrilled at the prospect of having people back inside the church.

St Mary's dates back to 1783 and was the first Catholic church in Belfast city centre.

"We are absolutely thrilled about the prospect of opening and we have been inundated with phone calls about when will we be reopening because we are city centre and people come from all over and indeed from many different denominations to this church to prayer," Fr. Tim said.

"Our biggest challenge was getting enough sanitiser, gloves and wipes, figuring out the one-way system and the seating. We were shocked to discover when we put in the social distancing measures that a church that could maybe hold 400 to 500 will only be able to seat approximately 30 people safely for prayer.

"We have taken the obligation to keep a safe environment very, very seriously so between staff and volunteers, we are going to clean the seats every 15 minutes, if not every time someone uses them."

Fr. Tim said they have also separated the prayer candles to reduce risk of cross-infection.

"People normally have to put their hand into a box of candles but we have now socially distanced our candles on long tables so people can safely lift a single candle without having to touch any more," he explained.

"The lighting of candles is a huge tradition that many people from Belfast and beyond will know is associated with St Mary's. Many people while in shopping will call into St Mary's to light a candle as a prayer for a friend or a member of their family.

"I would also encourage people particularly to light candles in prayer for our NHS workers, our key workers and carers at this time."

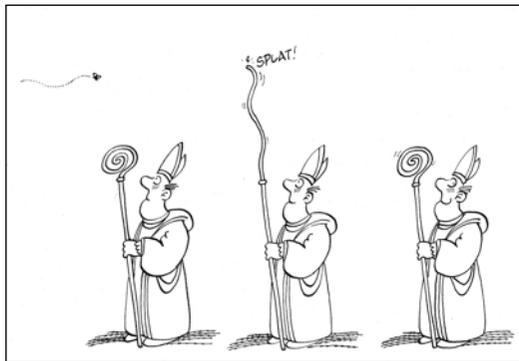


While some churches within the Protestant denominations are planning drive-in services, Fr. Tim said he hopes to potentially introduce an outdoor initiative.

"Because we have an altar and a grotto outside which is very popular, we would love to look at the possibility of doing something safe in the outside area of the church in due course," he said.

"But we have always taken very seriously the direction from the scientists and medical advisers of the Executive so we will follow absolutely what they direct."

He added: "We established a food bank here in the parish, and distribute 45 food boxes every week, we bring five cooked meals to older and disabled people in their homes every day, and we have had lots and lots of prayer requests, and the funerals.



"We have been keeping our masses going on the webcam, we have mass at 9 a.m. every morning and prayers at 5.30 p.m. every evening.

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.

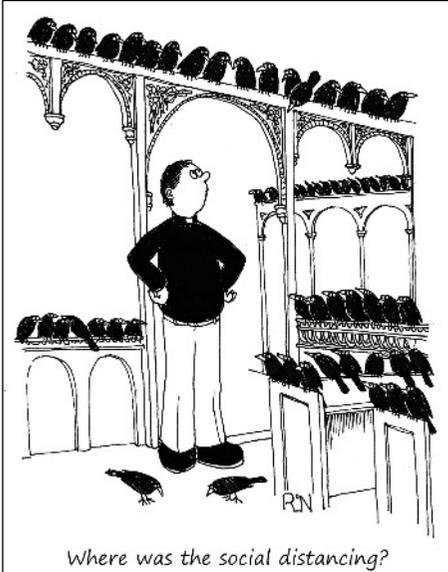
Please take every precaution to ensure you are only spreading kindness.

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

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Light Relief



Into Baking?

Here's a very simple recipe for beer bread

330 ml any beer
375 g Self-raising flour
3 teaspoons sugar

Mix; put in greased loaf tin. Bake for about 40 minutes at 180 degrees C

No need to knead or prove, and it's very tasty!. (Says Heather!)



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.

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NEXT ISSUE

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