

**LANGLEY
METHODIST**

NEWS



September
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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

ON LINE

Sunday Services You Tube *Macclesfield Methodist Circuit*.
 Available from about 08:00 on the Sunday
 Earlier services are available from the same site.

The dates and times and contact details 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

God in the Sciences

This series is written by Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, who is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. Ruth writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.

How can a Christian be a scientist?

I used to ask this question as a student. I wondered what it was like to have a career in science, and how being a Christian might make a difference. Eventually I met a good number of successful scientists who were sincere Christians, and I learned that science and faith are a great combination. Dr Francis Collins, former Director of the project to decode the whole of human DNA, wrote that it is “possible for the scientist-believer to be intellectually fulfilled and spiritually alive, both worshipping God and using the tools of science to uncover some of the awesome mysteries of His creation.” So, what do people like this make of the opportunities and challenges of a life in science?

Although our beliefs may affect what we notice about the world and how we interpret our data, they don’t affect the outcome of the experiments themselves. If a Muslim and a Christian drop the same ball from the same height under identical conditions, it will fall at the same speed. This means that a scientist can be respected by her colleagues for doing good work, regardless of what she believes and what her colleagues think of her world view.

Science is an exercise in observing and measuring things, and coming up with general principles about the way things are. The world has been declared by God to be ‘very good’ (see chapter one and two of Genesis), and exploring it is a way to express our gratitude to Him. Scientific discoveries can also bring a sense of awe and wonder that feeds into our worship.

Some people don't want to get involved in certain lines of research because of ethical concerns. On the other hand, there are many issues that make Christians want to get stuck into new research that will help care for people and the rest of creation, such as medical research, ecology or developing appropriate technologies.

Organisations such as Christians in Science and the Faraday Institute gather together scientists who are also people of faith, and others who are interested in the subject. They come from a wide range of backgrounds, and express their beliefs in a variety of different ways. What they have in common is the conviction that you don't have to choose between science and God. As the young people in our churches prepare to return to their studies, online if not in person, let's encourage them that science (along with many other fields) is a great way to serve God.

Dr Ruth Bancewicz is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, Cambridge, and a member of Christians in Science. See www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/churches and <http://www.cis.org.uk>

Decide

Politician to aide: "the voters say that I'm indecisive – do you think I should answer it, or let it go, or answer it in part, or what?"

Straightforward

Admirer to political candidate: Great speech sir! I really like the straightforward way you dodged the issues.

News from Parish Pump

Editor: Coronavirus has caused innumerable problems, not least that of further pollution...

Now even more plastic

There is growing concern in the Government, among campaigners, and among scientists over how coronavirus has sparked an increase in single-use plastics.

Not only are millions of disposable masks and gloves now ‘out there’, but there has been also a huge increase in disposable cutlery, sachets and containers.

One study by UCL estimates that in the UK alone, if every person used a single-use face mask every day for a year, it would create an additional 66,000 tonnes of contaminated waste, and 57,000 tonnes of plastic packaging.

Two environment ministers, Lord Goldsmith and Rebecca Pow, have said: “We are actively thinking across the Government and NHS whether we can safely reuse PPE and we are aware of other countries who have begun looking at the potential to decontaminate and reuse it.”

Scientists warn that it could take up to 500 years for polypropylene face masks to degrade. Meanwhile, according to some estimates, 129 billion masks and 65 billion plastic gloves are being used each month worldwide.

Editor: Anyone who loves the countryside will welcome the CPRE report...

Bring back hedgerows

We need our hedgerows back – urgently. They are part of ‘nature’s toolbox’ to help us reduce our carbon emissions.

That was the recent message from the CPRE countryside charity which points out that there were twice as many hedges in England before the Second World War. Since then thousands of kilometres of hedges have been ripped up to make way for new housing and motorways, and to merge and enlarge fields.

The 2007 UK Countryside Survey found that there were 600,000 kilometres of managed and unmanaged hedgerows in the UK, with the vast majority of them in England.

This was a significant decline on the same survey from 1984, when there were about 680,000 kilometres of hedges across Great Britain. That is a reduction of 80,000 kilometres, or 50,000 miles. To put that another way, we have ripped out about 57,000 times the entire length of Britain (874 miles).

No wonder, then, that the CPRE’s report, *Greener, better, faster: countryside solutions to the climate emergency and for a green recovery*, calls for millions of pounds to be spent on new hedges. It says: “By planting more trees and hedgerow, restoring peatlands and moving toward a more sustainable way of farming, we can use nature’s toolbox to capture greenhouse gases from the air, while revitalising our natural environment.”

Sutton WI



Cheshire Federation WI General meeting by zoom. July 21st, 2020.

Theme: Inspiring Women.

Emily. Business known as Milly J. “Walking Your Own Shoes”

Prior to the meeting presentation, participants were asked to share their shoe stories.

Tiffany said “Comfort first, it’s all about the trainers for me.” Tiffany has started training for the Couch to 5km during lockdown.

Mags said “My go - to shoes are for comfort because I have two ankle replacements.”

Wendy said her sparkly Converse shoes make her feel happy and she wore them to the NAGM in Cardiff.

I logged into the meeting at the last moment and saw fellow member Viv Warrington had joined and I saw two ladies from Tytherington WI who I know. I waved to them but they weren’t looking at my screen at the time when I was waving, so they didn’t

Emily’s story is an incredible one, and her background has very much shaped her drive and determination today.

“I was abandoned on a bus in Kingston, Jamaica, as a baby and taken to an orphanage. Luckily for me, I was adopted by the most wonderful white British couple who happened to be working in Jamaica at the time,” she said. “When I was four, we moved to Bangladesh and I had an incredibly interesting childhood. I was always a very creative child and went on to study drama and opera.”



It was a family tragedy five years ago, however, which proved the catalyst for Emily to launch her own business.

“Sadly I lost my brother Dan to suicide. He was an incredible, extraordinarily talented artist and his death really made me think about what I wanted to do with my life. It taught me that life was too

short to waste a moment. Inspired by his art I decided to try my hand at doing something completely different. I wasn’t planning a business. I had a pair of plain shoes and one day set about painting them and creating my own design.”

“I love shoes, but had no experience whatsoever in fashion or art. I created this mad design and somehow it felt instinctive. I posted a picture on Twitter and the response was incredible. Former model Jodie Marsh got in touch and asked if she could have a pair. She wore them on ITV’s This Morning show and it just went from there.”

Emily started to get requests for one-off commissions and her reputation and business began to grow.

Emily’s presentation included photographs of some her magnificent shoes. There were Snow White shoes, Mad Hatter Teapot shoes, and a fantastic array of Christmas shoes, all different, all red and green. Emily makes bespoke shoe clips too and showed us a pair of Marmite shoe clips. Love them or hate them!

Emily is a mentor to students at school, sharing her business experience and she raises money for Charities in Zimbabwe. She took part in the BBC’s Apprentice shoe episode and was a participant in “The Voice.” She is a truly versatile woman who has many creative talents.

Maria Rowson.

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

St James the Least of All

On how to survive a weekend away with the young people

St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren,

I think your idea for both our Confirmation groups getting together for a weekend away – socially distanced, of course - was excellent and our meeting last week drew most of the plans together. We didn't take any minutes, so let me record the decisions I believe we made.

Since all of us have to sleep far apart at the centre, I am prepared to spend the nights at a local hotel. By chance, I have found that there is a four star one only a few miles away, so I have booked myself in.

As the dining area in the youth centre may be cramped, I am also willing to have dinner each evening at the hotel, thereby creating more space for the rest of you. An additional sadness is that, since breakfast at the hotel is not served until 8am, I will not be able to join you either for your pre-breakfast dip in the nearby stream. It would be grossly unfair to expect you to pack lunch for me, so I will arrange for the hotel to provide me with a picnic hamper for one which I can have while you all enjoy your cheese and pickle sandwiches.

I think it will be an excellent learning experience if you prepare all the teaching sessions yourself, but be assured that I will always be on hand to give the advice of experience. That large armchair near the fire in the common room seems to be the best place for me to sit, so I can keep an eye on proceedings, while I take on the responsibilities for stoking the fire. This reminds me; do make sure that the young people are encouraged to saw enough logs each morning for me to fulfil my obligations.

Naturally, my arthritis will prevent me being able to accompany you on your afternoon hikes, but I will cheerfully park my car wherever you leave the minibus, to provide a second vehicle in case of emergencies. I do not mind in the least waiting all those long hours until you get back; I have already found an attractive tea shop in the village.

I am fully aware that not sleeping or dining at the centre, not being responsible for preparing the teaching, nor being involved on the walks will mean that my contributions will be ever so slightly limited, but these are sacrifices I gladly make in order to give you further experience in your ministerial career.

Your loving uncle, *Eustace*.

PLANT SWAP
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 5th
THE PLEASANCE SUTTON
10:00 to 12:00

Bring your unwanted cuttings, seeds, gardening equipment etc. to swap or for a small donation.

All donations go towards planting in our parish.

Supported by the Three Villages Community Action Group

Sutton Parish Council

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Sutton Parish Council are now permitted to make decisions in a virtual conferencing format and since **June** all our meetings have been held virtually. Council business is continuing as normal so please contact us if you have any concerns or issues to raise.

Each meeting is conducted with members of the public able to witness the decisions being made and also contribute during any agenda item highlighted as '**Public Participation**'. If you would like to join a virtual meeting you will need to contact the Parish Clerk and a link to the meeting will be issued. Please be aware that you can access the meeting by a landline.

ISSUES RAISED UNDER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Concerns over drug taking/dealing at a property in Langley.
- Premises licence and signage for Langley Cricket Club.
- Speeding and dangerous driving on Judy Lane.
- Quiet Lanes.
- Development of Sutton General Stores.

ISSUES REPORTED BY THE CHESHIRE EAST WARD MEMBER

- Continuation of problems due to influx of visitors into Macclesfield Forest.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS RAISED (July and August)

- Langley Road – sign on bad bend on the ground.
- Whistons Lane - lane disintegrating all the way down.
- Brookside - gully end of Brookside/Hollin Lane - when raining water is coming out of the drain.
- Hall Lane - gully needs clearing as solid.
- Judy Lane - surface is disintegrating.
- Leek Old Road - gullies all blocked up.
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- Lyme View - pot holes down one side of the road.
- Red Lane – complaint that signs for road closure are still in the hedges.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL

Appointment of Duttons Traffic Management Team for the traffic management of Remembrance Day.

ALLOTMENTS

- Site meeting took place on 15th July 2020 to consider condition of allotment and plots.
- Adoption of policies for the erection of sheds/greenhouses and poly tunnels and on the keeping of livestock.

REPORTS FROM PARK 4ALL@LYME GREEN

July - Confirmed that the Parish Council work is complete and staff at Ansa are happy that the drainage installed is working satisfactorily to cope with instances of heavy rain. Ansa have clarified that there will be a 'swale' included in the landscaping work undertaken in the area of the sunken garden, this swale is independent of the Parish Council drainage work, the cost of its inclusion in the landscaping will come from the sunken garden budget which is funded by the National Lottery.

August - Ansa had expected to restart work on the park at the end of July, beginning of August but, they have just been advised that Ansa are having problems with supplier delays due to Covid19. One particular supplier is for the tarmac, which affects a number of projects for Ansa, but only affects the access to the sunken garden in Robin Lane Park. This will mean that Ansa will not resume work in the park until September. It was agreed that Ansa would open the park so that people could have access to the open ground, the fitness stations and the picnic tables therefore, Ansa staff are due to move the fence at the park entrance. The situation will be clarified soon. An information poster will be posted on Facebook and as a poster will be displayed at the entrance to the park.

FINANCE

Payments Included – EON (Electricity supply for July and August), Sarah Giller (Salary and Expenses for June and July) and F Davies and Son Ltd (repair of Column 55).

PLANNING – July and August

Members agreed comments for return to the relevant authority for these applications During July and August:

No Objection

Applications 20/3002M (*Unit 2 Brindley Way, Lyme Green. Retail warehousing and ancillary development. Variation of condition 4 (sale of food) of appeal reference T/APP/C0630/A/93/231489/P7 relating to planning application 5/75236 – retail warehousing and ancillary development*), 20/3147M (*Ridge Hall Farm, Ridge Hill, Sutton. Variation of condition 4 on existing permission 73742P (Agricultural occupancy) for a farm workers dwelling*), 20/2030M (*17 Stanier Close, Lyme Green. Single storey extension to rear elevation*) and 20/2547M (*Land formally part of Broad Oak Farm, East of Leek Old Road, Sutton. Proposed agricultural building and the retention of a track, access and banking*).

Objections

Applications 20/2648M (*Broad Oak Farm, Leek Old Road, Sutton. Retrospective application for the conversion of barn to four bedroom dwelling*) and 20/2878M (*Construction of stables and access with parking and turning. Land to the West of Whistons Lane, Higher Sutton*).

Members had no comments to make at this stage regarding application 20/2520M (*Wards Scrap Yard, Turf Lane, Macclesfield. Outline application for demolition of existing building and erection of 10 industrial/warehouse units*).

Details of our comments regarding these planning applications can be found using the following link:

http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/planning/view_a_planning_application.aspx

SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Date for measuring Sunflowers - 26th September 2020.

INFORMATION

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

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Future Meetings – 2020

9th September

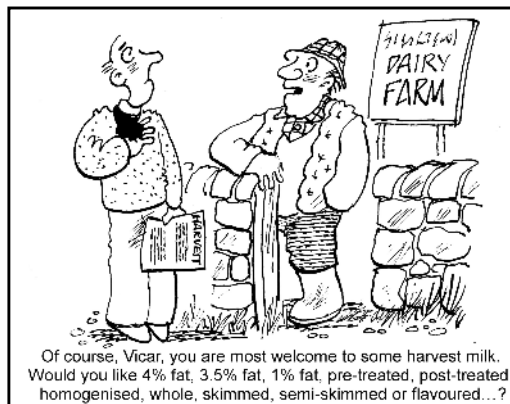
8th October

12th November

10th December

All Meetings commence at 7.30 p.m. and, unless legislation changes, will be conducted virtually. Meetings will be advertised on the Parish notice boards, website and Facebook. All residents are welcome to attend.

Sarah Giller – Clerk to Sutton Parish Council



Peak Parishes Services

[From Sutton St. James' website]

SEPTEMBER			
DATE	TIME	VENUE	COMMENT
6	10:30	Sutton, St James',	Morning Worship
13	08:00	Winkle, St Michael's,	Holy Communion
	10:30	Sutton, St James',	Morning Prayer
20	10:30	Sutton, St James,	Family Worship
	18:30	Winkle, St Michael's,	Evening Prayer
27	09:30	Bosley, St Mary's,	Harvest Festival and Celebration for Ivan
	10:00	Wildboardclough, St Saviour's,	Morning Worship
	10:30	Sutton, St James',	Morning Worship



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

Items for the October 2020 Issue should be given to Alan Chapman by lunch time on **Saturday 26th September 2020.**

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

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