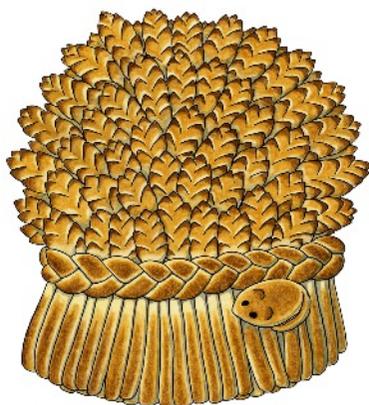


**LANGLEY  
METHODIST**

# **NEWS**

*October 2020*



Ministers: All the congregation  
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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

### 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.

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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 <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
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Scottish Dancing	Joan Bradbury	01260 252976
T'ai Chi	Karen Davies	01477 534667
Yoga	Marion Duff	01625 528650



# 3 ✓illages Community Action Group

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## Community Planting news

Our villages' Open Gardens event had to be cancelled this year because of Covid-19: we aim to be back in 2021! But local gardeners had an opportunity to meet at The Pleasance on 5 September, when a plant swap took place, complete with sanitiser and social distancing. Donations of around £65 were received, to be put to community planting funds.



Bulb planting will go ahead this autumn. The volunteers' planting of daffodils on the lower playing field in Langley last year brought welcome colour to our lockdown spring, and the replacement planting we arranged by Cheshire East's contractors at Tegg's Nose Mount and Brighton Crescent flowered well.



This year's main project will be to continue the planting on to the upper playing field in Langley.  
If you would like to join us, call Martin Brown on 07751 267766.

2020 - A very different year.



*We can trust in the Lord*

The biggest lesson  
I learned this year is to not  
force anything; conversations,  
friendships, relationships,  
attention, love. Anything forced  
is just not worth fighting for,  
whatever flows flows,  
what crashes crashes.  
**It is what it is.**



## Brooks Family Sutton

*This silk scarf commemorating the Centenary of Langley Church belonged to Harry Brooks & Family. It was presented to the Chapel recently by his Grand daughter who also helped with the family history below. Ed*



My Great Grandad, Thomas Brooks was born 1867 died 1937. He married Alice Whewell born 1866 died 1945. He had three children - my grandad Harry Brooks born 1888 died 1971, my Great Aunts Alice May born 1892 died 1971 and Edna born 1896 died 1903. The family lived at 10 Hall Terrace and worked at the Print Works as Silk Tier Dyers.

My Grandad Harry Brooks married Alice Simpson born 1889 -died 1959. They lived at 64 Hall Terrace Langley. They had three

children - Colin Simpson Brooks (my Father) born 1912 - died 1981, Ken Brooks born 1915 - died 1989, Jessie Smith Brooks born 1925 -died July 2020.

Ken Brooks emigrated to Canada in 1948/49 with his wife May and Son Ronald. Ken died in Hawaii USA in 1989. Ronald joined the Royal Navy and died in Florida May 2010.

Jessie Brooks only died this year. She was living in Leicester. Jessie had been married 3 times. Jessie was in a home for the last 18 months suffering from Dementia. It was very sad to see her. We visited her often over the years and always kept in touch.

Grandad Harry Brooks served in the Army with the Royal Garrison Artillery from October 1916. He had a short Service record and was discharged in 1917 on medical grounds. As far as I know Grandad worked at the Print Works all his working life as a Block Printer.

Grandad was a member of the Institute where he won many Cups playing Billiards. My Son Stephen has all of them. I have a photo of him with all his trophies in the garden at Hall Terrace.

I also have a photo dated 1937 Coronation of the Football Team. I assume it would be the Langley Team.

Grandad and my father Colin both worked at the Print works in Langley. My father went to live in Crayford Kent to work for David Evans Silk Printing Company as a Screen Printer in 1937 after marriage to my Mother Ruth Jackson who came from Ipstones near Leek Staffordshire. She was working for the Whiston Family where she met my Father. I was born in 1938 and my Brother in 1950.

When WW2 broke out my Father went away for 5 years and my Mother and myself went to live with my Mother's parents in Ipstones. We moved back to Crayford after the war as Dad 's job was still waiting for him at David Evans. Dad became the Works Director and remained working at David Evans until he retired in 1977.

I remember visiting my Grandparents often and staying with them during the war years.

My grandmother's father, my Great Grandad Isaac Simpson , born 1863 died 1906 was married to Fanny Smith . Fanny remarried in 1909 to Edwin Wood who lived at 68 Hall Terrace. Isaac and Fanny had four children - my grandmother Alice Simpson and her three brothers Ellis, Harry and Ernest.

I remember Ellis. He lived at Hall Terrace with his wife Lizzie and children Marjorie & Ronald.

The Brothers all worked at the Print Works.

The Brooks Family came from Sutton/Langley and lived at Hall Terrace all their married lives.

Joan Mole (nee Brooks)

The Rectory  
St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren

I am unsurprised that the cleaning lady took exception to you dismantling your motorbike in the church vestry. Clergy vestries are the final repositories of rotting hymn books, ancient cassocks with a certain aroma, buckets with holes in, which are kept “just in case” and dead animals in various states of decomposition; but they are no place for bike chains, disc brakes and inner tubes.

I will concede that vestries seem to attract all those objects no one quite knows what to do with, but which parishioners can’t bear to throw away. Flower arrangers creep into my vestry, looking for space for boxes of twine. Decorators arrive with cribs and Easter gardens they are hoping to store. And even the choirmaster occasionally sidles in, trying to slip some anthems past me. I repel them all with vigour, and a firm broom.

One thing I can’t keep out of the vestry are the portraits of all my predecessors, who stare down at me reproachfully. The most recent, in colour, stare smugly, knowing that I am still being compared to them, and falling short. Earlier incumbents, in black and white, look mildly reproachful, reminding me that they all held doctorates from Oxford. The hand-drawn portraits from pre-1870 are the worst – they all look as if they drank vinegar for breakfast and argued Pelagianism over lunch, just for fun. I am already rehearsing my own look of pained forgiveness for my leaving photo that will stare down on my own successor, and perpetually irritate him

It also seems to be a tradition that retiring clergy donate their robes for their successors, probably because it spares them a walk to the dustbin. So, a five-foot, 18 stone incumbent will leave a cassock for his six-foot, ten stone successor. There will also be a spare 1960s nylon surplice hanging on the back of the vestry door, to remind you that should you ever forget your own, then this is the horror you will be obliged to wear throughout Evensong.

Notices on the walls will tell you that marriage fees in the 1920s were seven shillings and sixpence, that Communion wine can be obtained from a shop that closed down a generation ago and there will be a copy of the prayer of thanksgiving to be used on the Relief of Mafeking.

My only advice is to remove your bike before it gets bundled up with the Scouts' tents – and lost forever in the churchwarden's shed.

Your loving uncle,

*Eustace.*



“ 97..98..99..100 Here I come ready or not “

## *Open Air worship Event 06/09/2020*

At the end of July, the Langley stewards held a video meeting to review the situation regarding lockdown, our pastoral response to our members, especially to those who did not have access to the Internet, and to try to look a little way forward.

Without really knowing what the situation would be, we anticipated that people would want to meet in person, probably around the end of August early September.

Heather and Howard Self very kindly offered the courtyard of their house as a suitable venue and there was good support for the idea from the Langley Congregation.

There were a couple of “will we won’t we” moments as socialising rules changed and we sorted out whether we were covered by the Worship in Public Places or private garden rules. I am still not sure which applied! Because of the limited space and distancing required we asked people to pre-book which worked out well and all who wanted, and could attend, made it on the day.

The weather forecast for Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September was a bit mixed but at a midday check it was bright and dry so we gave the Go! for 3.00pm.

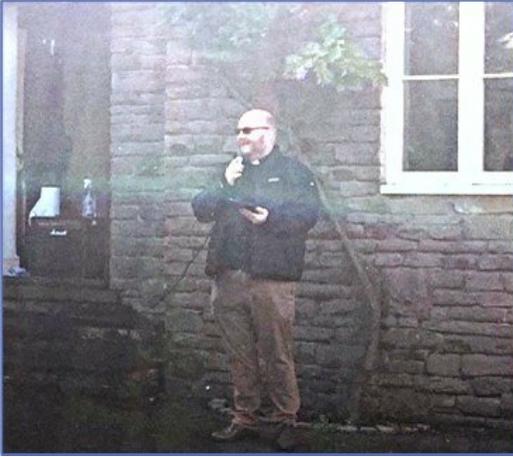
At 2.00pm the heavens opened and we were back to “will we won’t we?”.

As we drove up to Heather & Howard’s house, still under still threatening skies, the rain stopped and the sun came out!



19 people, including Graham, were able to attend. It was great to meet up with some of our members and join in a short service lead by Graham. The service sheet had a hymn printed and Howard played the tune on the organ. We could not sing but there was a

distinct hum in the air which gave a great ambience to the occasion.



After the service we had around 15 min. of discussion about reopening the chapel for worship. This allowed people to voice their opinions and to gauge the support for reopening.

The consensus was that we would target 4<sup>th</sup> October as a reopening date; accepting that there could be hiccups along the way.

## Disappointing news

The stewards had a walk through of the layout for entry and exit of the Chapel on Thursday evening. Andrew & Debbie did a lot of work, arranging people flows to maintain 2m wherever possible, marking up pews, setting up and stocking sanitiser stations.

However, in the light of the increasing infection level and the demographic of the people likely to be attending services, the decision has been made that it would be premature to reopen, as targeted, on the 4th October. We are sorry as we know this will be a big disappointment for our members.

Debbie, Andrew and myself are meeting over the weekend 26/09 to review what we have achieved so far and to plot a path to reopening as soon as possible.

*Alan Chapman*

*We give huge thanks to Heather and Howard Self for inviting us to use their courtyard and for Howard's organ music. Huge thanks, also, to Debbie, Alan, Andrew (and, I'm sure, others that I am not aware of) for their time and hard work in trying to make this happen. It is disappointing that the date of opening has had to be postponed but we know that we can make it happen any time because of the planning and set-up of the Chapel that has already been done. Ed*

*In these uncertain and worrying times.*

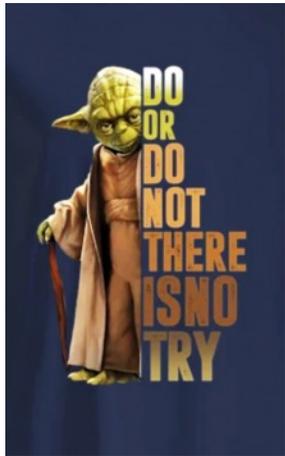


If you are not sure what to pray, just pray anyway. The Holy Spirit will take your thoughts and turn them into prayers.

Never forget - God already knows what you need even before you ask Him.



Here's a big HUG for anybody who is in need of one at this time. We are all praying for each other and are ready to offer support wherever needed.



Yoda is very wise

## *News from Parish Pump*



### Church of England and RSCM await next steps on singing safety

The Church of England and Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) have been awaiting updated guidance on singing in places of worship after findings of a Government-backed study were published.

The research project, known as ‘PERFORM’, recently published its findings on measuring aerosol production from humans. It measured singing, speaking and breathing in a zero-background environment.

Researchers reported a steep rise in aerosol mass with increase in the loudness of the singing and speaking, rising by as much as a factor of 20-30. However, it was also found that singing does not produce substantially more aerosol than speaking at a similar volume.

The RSCM’s Director, Hugh Morris said: “We welcome this news. Singing is of such importance in worship, and this is a really encouraging step towards its safe resumption.

“It is of course vital that all choirs and singing groups follow the relevant government advice, and so we look forward to receiving the latest guidance in this important area.” The Church of England and RSCM both regularly update their advice following the publication of Government guidance.

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

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### NEXT ISSUE

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