

**LANGLEY
METHODIST**

NEWS

December 2020 /January 2021



Ministers: All the congregation
Contact: Rev Dr Graham M Edwards
01625 426051



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

Minister	Rev Dr G Edwards	23 Marlborough Drive,	01625 426051
Church Stewards	Mrs J Fenton	17 Forest Drive, Langley	01260 252891
Church Sec	Mr A Spray	8 Brynmore Drive Macclesfield	01625 434742
Church Treas.	Mr D Bullock.	Cophurst Frm Hollin Lane Sutt	01260 252742
Gift Aid Sec	Mrs H Self	“Fernlee” Meg Lane Sutton	01260 253480
Property Sec.	Mr D Bullock	Cophurst Frm Hollin Lane Sutt	01260 252742
Pastoral Roll	Mr A Chapman	3 Selwyn Drive Sutton	01260 252745
Missions/MWiB	Mrs B Chapman	3 Selwyn Drive Sutton	01260 252745
Cradle Roll	Mrs M McQuinn	26 Pexhill Road Macclesfield	01625 511015
Action/Children	Mrs P Deegan	3 Balliol Close Sutton	01260 253396
Prayer Requests	Mrs M McQuinn	26 Pexhill Road Macclesfield	01625 511015
Flowers	Mrs M McQuinn	26 Pexhill Road Macclesfield	01625 511015
Choir	Dr S Court	4 Parkmount Drive Macc	01625 476343
Safeguarding	Dr S Court	4 Parkmount Drive Macc	01625 476343
Newsletter	Mr A Chapman	3 Selwyn Drive Sutton	01260 252745
Key holder	Mrs D Wardle	Ridgewood Langley Rd, Lang.	01260 252253
Christ. Aid Sec	Mr D Bullock.	Cophurst Frm Hollin Lane Sutt	01260 252742
All We Can	Mr A Chapman	3 Selwyn Drive Sutton	01260 252745
Room Bookings	Mrs P Spray	rooms2017bk@gmail.com	01625 434742
Publicity	Mr B McQuinn	26 Pexhill Road Macclesfield	01625 511015
Archivist	Mr D Bullock	Cophurst Frm Hollin Lane Sutt	01260 252742

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



This year the Great British Dog Walk had to ‘paws’ (see what they did there?) its incredibly popular series of Great British Dog Walks due to the Coronavirus pandemic. However, the Great British Dog Walk continued... virtually!

Participants were invited to choose a walking route and distance that suited them – pretty country lanes, autumnal woodland, wide open spaces, whatever you like. Next they chose their walking buddies – four-legged friends, Covid-secure bubbles, or even a solo challenge.

The dates were between Saturday 24 October and Sunday 8 November so unfortunately you can no longer sign up for this wonderful fund raising event this year. However, Heather Self was on the ball and shared with us the picture of her adorable walking buddies, complete with bandanas, above.

It's a Cracker

Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?

A mince spy!



What is the best Christmas present in the world?

*A broken drum
– you can't beat it!*



Who delivers presents to baby sharks at Christmas?



Santa Jaws!.

How many presents can Santa fit in an empty sack?

Only one, after that it's not empty any more!



What carol is heard in the desert?

Camel ye faithful



What did one snowman say to the other snowman?

Can you smell carrot?



What do you sing at a snowman's birthday party?

Freeze a jolly good fellow!



Who gives puppies Christmas presents?

Santa Paws





This is a lovely and very easy recipe for chocolate fudge crinkle biscuits <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/chocolate-fudge-crinkle-biscuits> Here's the ones I made last week - recipe opposite.

Heather Self

"I am looking for a Christmas Card that contains inclusive language, and yet retains the richness of 16th century English and is overtly Christian whilst being sensitive to the multi-faith patterns of our day ... any suggestions?"



Chocolate fudge crinkle biscuits

Prep time

20 mins, cook time 10 mins

Makes 30-40 mini biscuits

Ingredients

60g cocoa powder, sieved
200g caster sugar
60ml vegetable oil
2 large eggs
180g plain flour
1 tsp baking powder
70g icing sugar

Method

STEP 1

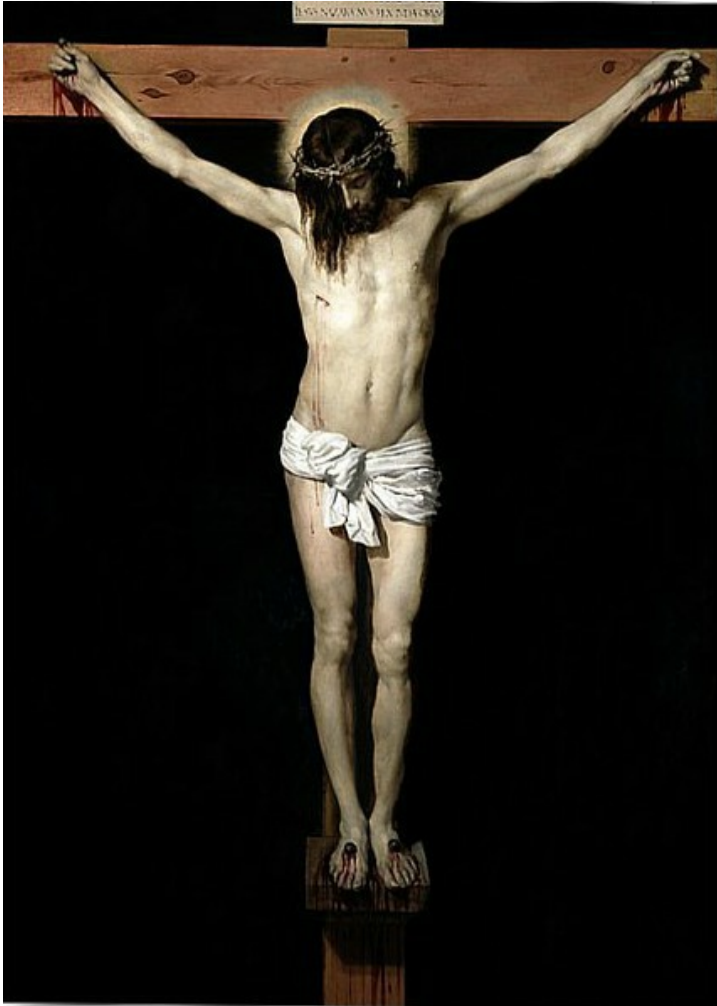
Mix the cocoa, caster sugar and oil together. Add the eggs one at a time, whisking until fully combined.

STEP 2

Stir the flour, baking powder and a pinch of salt together in a separate bowl, then add to the cocoa mixture and mix until a soft dough forms. If it feels soft, transfer to the fridge and chill for 1 hr. Heat the oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5. Tip the icing sugar into a shallow dish. Form a heaped teaspoon of the dough into a ball, then roll in the sugar to coat. Repeat with the remaining dough, then put, evenly spaced, on a baking tray lined with baking parchment.

STEP 3

Bake in the centre of the oven for 10 mins – they will firm up as they cool. Transfer to a wire rack and leave to cool. Will keep for four days in a biscuit tin.



Christ Crucified is a 1632 painting by Diego Velázquez. It hangs in the Museo del Prado in Madrid. During his stay in Rome, Velázquez made various studies he used in later paintings. Art critics assert that the study for this painting is exceptional and masterly in its fusion of serenity, dignity and nobility. Unlike the horror of the crucifixion, this scene is just one of love, peacefulness, and the promised hope for the future.



We remember all those who are struggling at the moment, especially those in lockdown who cannot understand why nobody comes to see them anymore, and their loved ones who are not allowed to visit. We give thanks for their carers and all who look after them.

Let us not forget, that they are safe in the hands of the Lord.

The Rectory
St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren

I am sorry I was not alive during that wonderful four-year period when Oliver Cromwell abolished Christmas; no Christmas parties, no carol services, no cards to send and no frantic last-minute shopping. That man was a hero.

Planning for Christmas at St James' normally starts on 2nd January. By Easter, the flowers for church have been carefully chosen to be colour coordinated, and the seating plans and table decorations for the Christmas party have been allocated (with nominated reserves in case someone should inconveniently die in the intervening eight months). Long before Summer is over, the tree lights have been tested, music for the 9 Lessons and Carols Service has been chosen and the service sheets printed. Way before the dark nights set in, car parking attendants will have been found, those who are to light all the candles will have been rehearsed to perfection, and the brass lectern has had its annual polish.

We do not do spontaneity at St James the Least of All. If ever there was a service when time for something unexpected had to be allowed, its place would be announced in the order of service, how long the unexpected thing would happen for would have been decided by a committee, and who was to be spontaneous would have been allocated on a rota.

But the one person none of these well-meaning, efficient, committed organisers can control is the Rector. You could call it a staff perk.

Carols will (accidentally, of course) be announced in the wrong order; if verse 3 was to be omitted, I announce it will be verse 4. This keeps the organist on his toes while the choir hovers on the point of a collective nervous breakdown. At the Christmas supper, my introductory welcome speech and extensive grace make those in the kitchen wonder if the vegetables being boiled should better be served as thick soup.

I offer the helpful suggestion that the tree, having been installed and decorated in the chancel, may perhaps look better in the sanctuary and I turn all the heating off throughout the season, explaining that it will help the flowers to last. All Services will start five minutes early (was my watch rather fast?) so I can look disapprovingly at those still coming in while we are singing the first carol and making it clear that I think they had spent too long in the pub next door.

And so we all reach Christmas morning, with 12 months of planning having gone yet again slightly awry, with parishioners exhausted and I exhilarated at the chaos that has been created with such ease. Mr Cromwell, your spirit lives on.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

We wish everyone a Happy Christmas



We send love from Langley Methodist Church to everyone this Christmas. We are thinking about you and praying for you. You are loved, supported and cared about!

Sutton Parish Council

The **NOVEMBER** meeting of Sutton Parish Council was attended by ten Councillors and the Clerk. Apologies were received from Cllr Eardley and Bhatia.

Sutton Parish Council has made its decisions in a virtual conferencing format. 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.

MEMBERS REPORTS

The Cheshire East Ward Member:

- The Sutton Gamekeeper planning application will be called in to the Northern Planning Committee.
- The Sutton Post Office planning application will be dealt with under delegated powers.
- The Hawkshead Quarry planning application should be back with the Planning Authority in December.
- Cllr Gregory attended the Macclesfield Forest Residents Group and welcomed the opportunity for residents to express their concerns.

The Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team:

The main issues have been to do with Macclesfield Forest and Langley. Traffic congestion etc. on main Road Langley which becomes grid lock at weekends.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS RAISED

- Langley - Cherrywood House, Langley Road. Ivy is growing down the wall and over the footpath making it dangerous for pedestrians.
- Request Highways to replenish grit boxes before the winter.

- Main Road/Ridge Hill - request hedge cutting on Main Road and up Ridge Hill. Pedestrians walking in road.
- Ridge Hill – report of unsafe tree branch.
- A number of potholes on Bullocks Lane.

ALLOTMENTS

It was reported that Cheshire East Council have agreed to pay £680 towards the cost of skips.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL

It was **agreed** to continue with virtual meetings.

REPORTS FROM PARK 4ALL@LYME GREEN

It was reported that ANSA are now back on site and have therefore, closed the park to comply with Health & Safety regulations. They are hoping the weather will not hold up the work.

FINANCE

Receipts – None received.

Payments Included – S Giller (Clerk's salary), H Oldfield & Son Ltd (Remembrance Day prints and colouring sheets), PKF Littlejohn (External audit review), Autocross Euroshel (freestanding seats for the bus shelter) and EON (Electricity supply October).

The External Audit has been published on the website along with Notice of Conclusion of Audit. There were no matters to bring to the attention of the Council.

PLANNING

Members **agreed** comments for return to the relevant authority for these applications during November:

No Objection – Application 20/3453M (20 Main Road, Langley, SK11 0BU. Application for a drop kerb access to existing open frontage).

Objections – Application 20/4280M (The Sutton Gamekeeper, Hollin Lane, Sutton, Cheshire, SK11 0HL. Change of use from public house (Sui Generis) to 2no.dwellinghouses (Use Class C3) including associated external alterations, extensions and erection of 2no. timber framed car ports).

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

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM

Cheshire East Council (Strategic Planning Update (October 2020), Cheshire East Council (Corporate Plan Consultation (1 October to 27 November)), Cheshire Association of Local Councils (Standards Matter 2: Public Consultation and Public Sector Surveys (22 September 2020 to 17:00 on the 18 December 2020) and Cheshire East Local Plan Revised Publication Draft Site Allocations and Development Policies Document 26 October 2020 (SADPD) (Ref: PBD/1227358 and PBD/901332).

INFORMATION - please note the following:

- **Christmas Events** - there will be no switch-on events this year due to COVID restrictions. However, all Christmas trees will be in place.
- Meeting agendas and minutes are all available on our website or from the Parish Clerk. If you have any enquiries, please contact:

Mrs S Giller - Clerk & RFO to Sutton Parish Council

Tel: 01625 850532

Email address: suttonparish@aol.com

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



Due to **COVID 19** restrictions, the Parish Council will be unable to hold any Christmas switch-on events this year.

However, when you are walking past, please take a look at the Christmas trees we have put up in Langley, Lyme Green and Sutton.

There will also be a nativity scene in the Pleasance bus shelter.

Please adhere to Government Guidelines.

The Parish Council would like to wish everyone a very ...



***Happy and Peaceful Christmas
and New Year***

Best Wishes for 2021

New Seating

We have installed two free standing, stainless steel, seats in the bus shelters at Walker Lane, Sutton and Lindrum Avenue, 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

Alan Chapman (01260 252745), Julia Fenton (01260 252891)

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

Paula Spray (01625 434742)

NEXT ISSUE

Items for the February 2021 Issue should be given to Alan Chapman by lunch time on **Saturday 23rd January 2021.**

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

Please copy emails to both
alan01.chapman@gmail.com &
derek1.mcbryde@gmail.com

Articles in Langley
Methodist News
represent the views
of individual
contributors and are
not necessarily those
of the Church
Council or the
Editorial team.

LANGLEY METHODIST WEBSITE

URL: <http://langleymethodist.co.uk>

Email: minister@langleymethodist.co.uk