

**LANGLEY
METHODIST**

NEWS



March
2021

GALATIANS 5:22B

Love
Joy
Peace
Patience
Kindness
Goodness
Faithfulness
Gentleness
Self-control

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.”

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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

Editor: This month sees the 35th anniversary of the Great Daffodil Appeal...



Wear your daffodil and unite in memory



Marie Curie, the UK's leading end-of-life care charity will this year celebrate their 35th annual Great Daffodil Appeal, which

is held every March across the UK. The money raised from this appeal enables the charity to continue their vital work providing care and support to people living with a terminal illness and their families.

The coronavirus continues to have a devastating effect on Marie Curie's fundraising, as activities up and down the country have had to be cancelled. However, there's still lots of ways people can get involved, with things like the Step into Spring Challenge in March where people walk 10,000 steps a day, they can host a virtual collection or buy and wear one of the charity's iconic daffodils in memory of a loved one.

This year will be even more special as the charity encourages the nation to come together to reflect, grieve and remember for a National Day of Reflection. Tuesday 23rd March 2021 will mark one year since the UK first went into a nationwide lockdown and Marie Curie is inviting the nation to unite and remember those who died and show support and solidarity for those who have been bereaved. The charity knows how important it is for people to grieve and the emotional and psychological impact of not being able to say goodbye properly and grieving in isolation can have.

Due to the pandemic, Marie Curie won't have their normal collections on the street, so donations are more important than ever. To support the Great Daffodil Appeal, you can donate at www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil or you can buy your daffodil pin in store at a number of high street stores including Superdrug or Savers.



Kevin took himself off to his study to pray for peace



UPDATES from the LANGLEY COMMUNITY.



Judy Kelly has shared some of her Lockdown activities with us





Judy writes; "Since I have been unable to get to the shops to buy greetings cards I decided to paint my own. Here are a few examples! Painting has certainly helped with the frustration of lockdown especially on the days when the weather has been too bad to go walking



SUTTON WI NEWS**Sutton WI Lockdown News 2020/21**

Lockdown, especially this second one, is hard on us all, missing our friends and family, special occasions, perhaps we can postpone them to a better time ahead? Let's be positive. The first time, we had such good weather that we spent time in our gardens, and didn't they look good? We talked to our neighbours who we normally only waved at from our cars! We walked in the lovely local countryside and found friends and neighbours who wanted to join in a socially distanced walk with us. We watched Spring unfold and Summer begin. Lambs, daffodils, and deer which came down from the forest because it was so quiet. We then watched Autumn unfold with the glorious colours. We learnt new skills, Zoom, Skype and FaceTime. Let us hope this awful virus is soon a nasty memory and that the new vaccine will give us back our lives that we mostly took for granted.

The committee have been thinking of our members and have handmade and delivered Guardian Angels at Christmas and Valentine hearts in February with thoughtful messages.

The committee asked members to let them know how they have been spending their time during this period and received quite a variety of replies. One senior member has had a project with her two granddaughters making masks and selling them to friends, family and then the community through social media, the result being they raised £7000 for East Cheshire Hospice. How marvellous is that? Another senior member celebrated her Diamond Wedding Anniversary and even had a card from the Queen.

Other members told us that they have improved their crafting skills and learnt new techniques such as how to cover a chair, not just one but 12. Some members have crafted needlepoint pictures for

family member's children and made quilted playmats from upcycled clothing. One member also got into making rag dolls, 16 of them for friends and then set about making Christmas Gnomes, not only making them but filming them as a story for Christmas Eve. Another skill to add to her photography course

A few of our members got into cooking and growing produce, lots of green tomato chutney ensued. One of our members had a bright idea of making our disused telephone box in Langley into a Book Box and what was going to be a new garden gate was turned into shelves for the books, this has been a huge success and is always well stocked. No gate yet.

Two of our members have rekindled their love of painting in acrylics and watercolour and been very prolific, one making greeting cards with her watercolour paintings.

Two of our members have been involved with their grandchildren, one an ex-teacher spending Facetime calls teaching her two grandsons on a daily basis and the other housing her son and his family who arrived from Columbia. They let them have the run of the house while they stayed in an isolated part of the house and passed messages under the door and spoke through the window to each other. They said it was like student bedsit days.

All in all, from the responses, our members have made the most of this time and look forward to the first meeting when we can all be together again.

St James the Least of All

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

On how to deflect those staff appraisals

The Rectory
St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

So, your vicar has introduced staff appraisal for all the officers who work for your church, including yourself. It seems a very dangerous innovation; as far as I am concerned, ministry is only successful when parishioners have no idea what the clergy get up to.

I imagine that he will look at the number of services you take in a year. Funerals can only be increased if you resort to murder, which is likely to be frowned on – although I have been sorely tempted during endless church council meetings. Perhaps if you take a flask of water wherever you go and if you find a baby unattended, you could resort to a spontaneous baptism. That would get your numbers up, even if returning mothers may marvel at the highly localised and brief shower that seemed to have taken place over the pram.

Visiting targets are easily increased. Compile a list of when parishioners will be out and call on those days; a card through their letterbox will prove to your vicar that you were there. Should they happen to be in, mention that you are collecting for the organ fund and they will immediately excuse themselves for an important appointment. You are then free to move on to clock another visit.

Your vicar is also bound to want to see the congregation increasing. This is not sustainable, and you should put a stop to such ambitions

at once. It is easily done. All you have to do is to approach your friends at the local football club and bribe them with your homemade beer to come along to church several Sunday mornings in a row. If you give them enough beer BEFORE the service, they will be likely to make just enough muted disruption as to leave your vicar a bit rattled, and thinking that perhaps after all, 'less' is 'more' when it comes to the congregation.

But whatever you do, make sure that you never preach a better sermon than he does. You don't want anyone thanking you at the door for your 'so interesting sermon' in front of him, when they have been sleeping through his sermons for years. If you offend the vicar this way, he will take swift revenge, and ask you to organise the parish summer fete.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

Go On - Smile!

Little old lady seeks handsome young man

An advert appeared in a student newspaper of a university: "Sweet little old lady wishes to correspond with good-looking university student – especially a six-footer with brown eyes, answering to initials J.A.D." It was signed: "his mother."

Paradise lost?

A young mother stood in her kitchen and watched her baby screaming, her sons fighting, her daughter crying, the washing machine leaking, and the dog being sick. She sighed and said to her friend: "I sometimes wish I'd loved and lost."

Switched on

A housewife was helping her aged mother get up the stairs on their brand-new stair lift when the minister telephoned her. He was horrified to hear her say: "I'm so sorry, but I'll have to ring you back. I can't talk right now because I've finally got Mother in the electric chair and I'm eager to press the switch and see if it works!"

Sutton Parish Council

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The **FEBRUARY** meetings of Sutton Parish Council was attended by nine Councillors and the Clerk. Also present were Cheshire East Ward Councillor Andrew Gregory, PCSO Jim News, one Member of the Public (MOP) and the Parish Clerk. Apologies were received from Councillors Waller (Chairman), Chamberlain and Jones.

Council business continues virtually as normal so please contact us if you have any concerns or issues to raise. Members of the public are able to witness the decisions being made and also contribute during '**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 (access is available via landline).

MEMBERS REPORTS

The Cheshire East Ward Member:

- There are ongoing issues within Macclesfield Forest. Discussions have taken place with United Utilities (UU) and they are interested in how they can most effectively communicate with local residents and engage with a wider group of residents.
- There continues to be an ongoing issue with mountain bikers using the trails and causing some concern for walkers.
- Langley pond – local residents have commissioned a planning consultant to help them with this matter. No news yet.
- Nothing to report regarding the Lyme Green settlement proposed planning application.

The Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team:

- 12/1 - Suspicious vehicle reported (blue van).
- Fly tipping reported – this is a problematic theme.
- 13/1 - Theft of motorhome Judy Lane – retrieved in Bollington area.
- 14/1 - van number plates taken.
- Reported COVID breach.
- Theft of magazine in Sutton Post Office – retrieved.

- Macclesfield golf course reported issues with ASB – youths messing with golf buggies.
- 3/2 - men seen looking down Symondley Road and Walker Lane. Same men seen on CCTV in Bollington. Nothing taken but shed entered on Walker Lane. Residents asked to remain vigilant.
- Ongoing issues in Macclesfield Forest – there to support Civil Enforcement Officers at the weekend.

Reported fly tipping Gore End Lane - fridge freezers dumped.

Funding – Informed the available funding **reported** in previous meeting is for tackling anti-social behaviour.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS RAISED

- Column 70 not working – reported to contractor.
- Hole House Lane, Langley did not get gritted. This is main access to reservoir and car park and access to advertised car park. Used to be a grit box in the past but disappeared and has not been put back. Grit boxes still empty.
- Ridge Hill Road – hedges still not cut must be cut before birds start nesting. CEC must cut and charge the owner if no date has been set.
- Leek Old Road - surface is collapsing at the edge just past the reservoir going uphill towards Leek.
- Walker Lane – surface around manhole at the crossroads of Walker Lane, Bullocks Lane and Robin Lane deteriorating.

REPORTS FROM PARK 4ALL@LYME GREEN

1. Funding has now been secured to purchase the accessible play equipment for the children's play area. The equipment is being purchased from Kompan which has given a lead in time of 8 - 12 weeks. It is, therefore, hoped that the play area will be installed in spring.
2. The Friendship Benches, one has now been installed and a second friendship bench will be installed near to the park entrance once the base has been laid.

3. Sensory garden, there have been some problems following the heavy rainfall with the drainage around this area. Ansa is addressing these problems and has been in contact with residents in Minor Avenue who have been affected.
4. Planting in the raised beds and Sensory Garden will be done in the spring.
5. The community library has been constructed by a volunteer and will be installed once the base is laid.

FINANCE

Receipts – None received.

Payments Included – S Giller (Clerk’s salary), Fairway Landscapes Limited (To install and dismantle Christmas trees), Mili Bhatia (Renewal: 1 month GrowBig Hosting), EON (Electricity supply JANUARY and FEBRUARY) AND Information Commissioners Office (Data protection renewal).

PLANNING

Members **agreed** comments for return to the relevant authority for these applications during February 2021:

No Objection – Applications 21/0181M (4, SYMONDLEY ROAD, SUTTON, SK11 0HT. Demolition of existing conservatory, erection of rear facing single storey extension), 21/0220M (UNIT 2, BRINDLEY WAY, LYME GREEN, MACCLESFIELD, SK11 0TB. Blocking up of existing doorway to rear elevation and forming of new together with the reduction in size of existing roller shutter), 21/0279M (UNIT 2, LYME GREEN BUSINESS PARK, BRINDLEY WAY, LYME GREEN. Construction of a flow forge plant cage/compound, installation of air conditioning/refrigeration plant and forming of 2 no. openings in external wall/cladding associated with same together with the construction of a flow forge bin store) and 21/0191M (7, TRINITY LANE, SUTTON, SK11 0EQ. Proposed single storey extension to square off front corner of dwelling. Proposed internal alterations to form open plan kitchen, dining and snug with separate hallway with new front door and side windows and roof light. Proposed new sun pipe in bedroom 2 Proposed replacement sliding doors with larger bifolding doors in lounge).

Members had some concerns regarding Application 21/0098M (THE LEATHERS SMITHY, CLARKE LANE, LANGLEY, CHESHIRE, SK11 0NE. The construction of an open air manege with a timber post and rail fence. Approx 45m x 25m).

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

Member of the Public (MOP) - concerns regarding parking on grass verges Walker Lane and request for plastic poles)

MOP – concerns regarding speeding on the brow of the hill above Sutton Reservoir and report overgrown ditches.

HOUSING

Members considered an applicant for property at 6 Dawson Close, Langley.

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

Future Meetings – 2021

11th March

8th April

13th May – Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meetings of the Council

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

Sutton Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 13th May at 7.30 p.m.

To be held Virtually or in St James Church Hall, Church Lane, Sutton
(depending on COVID regulations at the time)

The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for parishioners on the Electoral Roll to meet their Councillors and raise any matters of concern to them that relates to their local community.

To attend please contact: Sarah Giller - Sutton Parish Council Clerk
Tel. 01625 850532 or email suttonparish@aol.com

STREET LIGHTING

If you notice any lighting issues
please do report the

LOCATION and COLUMN NUMBER
to our Parish Clerk who can arrange repairs.
suttonparish@aol.com

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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NEXT ISSUE

Items for the April 2021 Issue should be given to Alan Chapman by lunch time on **Saturday 27th March 2021.**

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

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