

**LANGLEY
METHODIST**

NEWS



May
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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.

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

PLANNED SERVICES

REGULATIONS and STAFFING PERMITTING

02/05/2021 10.30 Rev Dr.Graham Edwards Morning Service

16/05/2021 10.30 Alan Rashleigh Morning Service

30/05/2021 10.30 Rev Dr.Graham Edwards Morning Service

More details will be published when available.

The only certainty is that things will change



Have you ever laughed at a joke you did not understand?

Then you are not alone. It seems that two thirds of us have laughed at jokes we did not 'get', simply because we wanted to fit in with our friends at the time.

And more than half of us have actually gone on to repeat jokes with punch lines which we don't ourselves understand. More than half of us have even researched a joke in order to try and figure out what was supposed to be so funny about it.

In research done by a British neuroscientist, it was found that humour that relies on puns or more obscure concepts is the most likely to confuse audiences. While laughter is universal, humour is very subjective. People all over the world laugh, but what they find to be funny varies widely, depending on culture, context and language.

During the research, it was found that two of the most misunderstood jokes are:

Some Omega-3 vitamins fell on my head when I opened the cupboard. I got super fish oil injuries.

What does a dyslexic, agnostic insomniac do at night? He stays up wondering if there really is a dog.

Shhhhhh! QUIET LANES

Reminder & Information from Sutton Parish Council

There is a network of Quiet Lanes in Langley and Higher Sutton but it's not a secret !

The objective of the Quiet Lanes scheme is to make the countryside safer for everyone, walkers, cyclists, horse riders and those who may be particularly vulnerable. It does this through visible actions, signage, information & education.

The Quiet Lanes scheme was developed by the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England and became part of the Government's Transport Act 2000.

Quiet Lanes aim to lower traffic speed through discreet road signs, encouraging drivers to slow down and consider other users who can then enjoy the countryside more safely.

Quiet Lanes are a shared space with no individual user having priority.

It is seen as to be self-enforcing by a continuous progress of promotion, so that all the community and visitors know Quiet Lanes exist.

Sutton Parish was chosen to be a pilot area for the scheme about 15 years ago and the lanes incorporated in the scheme, in our area, are denoted by oak posts which can be seen at the side of the road or lane.

On entering and leaving the area two posts can be seen situated either side of the road, with appropriate signs declaring "Quiet Lane".

Here these can be found at the bottom of Judy Lane in Sutton, the bottom of Ridge Hill, on the road travelling towards Langley from the Hanging Gate Public House and when entering Langley village, on the main road by Brighton Crescent.

Single oak posts with Quiet Lane signs then define the route through the lanes travelling along Ridge Hill, Meg Lane, Red Lane, by Ridgeway Reservoir, Clarke Lane and through Langley Village.

With the increased volume of traffic and visitors to our area the Parish Council are keen to promote and raise the profile of the existing Quiet Lanes, helping and encouraging all our road users, to be aware of others when travelling in this area.

Driving carefully, keeping speed down and proceeding with caution on our lanes will help to keep everyone safe.

We would like all users, walkers, cyclists, horse riders and those who are vulnerable to be able to travel along our lanes safely.

Helping everyone to enjoy our beautiful countryside with care and consideration will ensure the best for us all.
Everyone looking out for each other!.



Signs of Spring around Sutton





St James the Least

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

On the perils of holding a Rose Queen celebration

The Rectory
St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

On reflection, inviting your parishioners to join in our annual Rose Queen celebrations may not have been entirely wise. It was cheering to see that your people arrived on carnival floats, although it was less happy that some of them should have chosen to dress up as coronavirus bugs, full of those nasty spike proteins – that startled some of the timid residents in our community.

Once the procession started, your drivers did not seem to have grasped the fact that the vehicles were expected to tour the village slowly, for the benefit of spectators, instead of treating it as a competitive race. I noticed that numbers on your floats gradually diminished as they were flung off while careering round corners. Those who had a walk of several miles back home while dressed as pirates and ballerinas had my sympathy. Our tea ladies, however, were less sympathetic when one of your hay bales was spun off on a tight corner and went through our Women's Guild like a row of skittles.

The local police normally use the afternoon to do a little gentle point duty while drinking gallons of sweet tea; this year, the number of tickets issued for speeding, and not social distancing, should boost our constabulary's figures for the next 12 months.

I must concede that the group who decided to make a *papier mache* swan for one of your floats showed great imagination. It was such a

pity that they did not know a 15-foot-high swan would be driven under a 12-foot bridge. The drama of its emergence, headless, was only exceeded by the following float which appeared to have a group of Brownies being savaged by a demented, bodiless, vulture.

I am sure that some of your people's offers to help this year's Princesses campaign for election for Rose Queen next year were well-meant. However, I don't think our parish really wants a full-blown social media campaign for next year's Rose Queen, and so we will have to decline your offer.

The crowning of the Rose Queen is always a high point to the afternoon, but could I point out that the 'gold' crown is only metal foil, and the 'diamond' sceptre is only a piece of glass? So, whoever it was in your crowd who walked off with them, please may we have them back before next year?

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

WILLIAMS Terrace

I have been asked the source for the name of the new houses being completed next to the Gas House.

The name comes from the owner of the original Langley Mill on the site - William Hilton.

My grateful thanks to Viv Warrington for pointing me in the right direction. More details can be found in Thelma Whiston's book "Langley Now and Then".

Sutton Parish Council

The **APRIL** meeting of Sutton Parish Council was attended by ten Councillors. Also, present were Cheshire East Ward Councillor Andrew Gregory, four Members of the Public (MOP) and the Parish Clerk. Apologies were received from PCSO Jim Newns. Councillor Chamberlain and Bhatia were not present.

The Council approved the Minutes of the Meeting 11th March 2021 which were confirmed as a true record.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Members of the PCC addressed the Council regarding proposals for the Churchyard. They answered a variety of queries around its future and reported that they plan on holding an open discussion with residents in July (possibly in week beginning 19th July depending on restrictions)

MEMBERS REPORTS

The Cheshire East Ward Member:

- He continues to review the different challenges in Macclesfield Forest and reported that repeater signs are now being installed.
- He continues to exchange emails with our PCSO regarding sheep worrying.
- The planning application for Langley Pond has been withdrawn.
- Lyme Green park – he has been corresponding with residents regarding concerns about the position of the equipment and drainage and is liaising with Ansa on these matters.

The Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team:

9/3/21 Catalytic Convertor stolen from car on Main Rd Langley.
Reassurance and advice given. FB and Tweet.

13/3/21 -Mountain Biker taking shovel into the forest. Doubled up with Martin Peak Park Ranger and engaged with the MTB over a weekend. UU are continuing to work closely with MTB groups.

14/3/21 Suspicious vehicles and people in Sutton. Targeted patrols and reassurance given via FB account.

16/3/21 -Trials Bikes using land on Hollin Lane. Landowner has given permission. Covid guidelines are adhered.

19/3/21 -Fraud- Elderly lady Royal Mail Fraud - Advice given and FB message given reminding folk to remain vigilant.

22/3/21 -Wheelie bins tipped over in numerous locations.

- 24/3/21 -Reports of male running naked – No sexual offence.
 26/3/21 -Theft of money from honesty box.
 27/3/21 -Sheep worrying Top Barn. Trials bikes chasing sheep.
 Operation using Police motorcyclists this weekend.

Sunflower Competition

The competition this year has been set a little later than usual.

- 1st stage letters have been delivered to school children and applications will be picked up after the 21st April.
- 24th May – seeds will be delivered to school (before half term).
- Flowers will be measured in September (TBC).

Website

We have had some issues with our website however, we are addressing them and the site will be fully working soon. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you are unable to download information from the website.

Highways Matters Raised

Road at bottom of Jarman onto Hall Lane in terrible condition (Ward Councillor reported he is speaking to Highways regarding this matter).

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS

From 7th May we will be unable to hold virtual meetings legally. This means that the Parish Council will have to bring forward the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Council Meeting to 6th May and reinstate delegated powers until at least 21st June (when hopefully restrictions will have been lifted). We are unable to hold hybrid meetings however, it is hoped that the Government will change their mind on this.

Please note that because of this our usual meeting dates may change during June and possibly July.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

- Please note that we will shortly be consulted regarding a Community Governance Review. The draft review affects Sutton Parish and as a result the Parish Council will be making representations.
- Members have appointed Dutton Traffic Management Team for the running of Remembrance Day 2021.

REPORTS FROM PARK 4ALL@LYME GREEN

- An Easter trail was arranged on Good Friday in Lyme Green.

- The Community Library is now stocked with donated books for people to borrow and/or exchange. There will be a selection of mainly fiction books but also some non-fiction. There is also a selection of good quality children's books available. Three volunteers will be checking the books on a daily basis.

The accessible play area has been installed but, there have been some problems with the siting of the Play area. The Park 4all group were not advised the location was being altered which, varies from original plan. Ansa is dealing with any complaints about its location and Cllr Gregory has met with some of the residents.

A gardening group has been formed to plant up the raised beds built by Food 4 Macc volunteers for fruit and vegetables.

It was noted that Ansa will be answering concerns raised by residents regarding works in the park.

FINANCE

Receipts – Allotment holder rents received for Plots 3, 5B, 7B, 9, 15A, 13, 14A, 15B, 1B and 2B.

Payments Included – Spoton net Ltd (payment for website design), S Giller (Clerk's salary and expenses), F Davies & Son Ltd (Columns 53 (Cop Meadow), 34 (Trinity/Jarman), 35 (Church House Inn)) and EON (Lighting for March and Christmas lighting).

It was noted that notifications had been received for internal and external audit.

PLANNING

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

No Objection – Applications 21/1238M (Bollinhead Farm, Gritstone House, Bollinhead Lane, Sutton. Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) to application 13/0463M - Full Planning Application for Conversion of a barn (with an extant planning permission for 4 holiday lets) to a single residential dwelling) and 21/1353M (1 Woodside, Langley Road, Langley. Ground floor rear extension & two storey side extension).

Objections - 21/1249M (Land South Of Gaw End Lane / West Of London Road, Lyme Green. Full planning permission for the erection of 45 dwellings including access and associated works).

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

INFORMATION

Meeting agendas, minutes and financial information are all available on our website or from the Parish Clerk.

Attending Parish Council Meetings - Council business continues so please contact us if you have any concerns or issues to raise. Members of the public are able to witness 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 also available via landline). Please note that meetings may change during June and July.

Contact details:

Parish Clerk & RFO - Mrs S Giller

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Email address: suttonparish@aol.com

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

Future Meetings – 2021

6th May – Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Council Meeting

13th May - **MEETING CANCELLED**

17th June

All Meetings commence at 7.30 p.m.

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 6th May at 7.30 p.m.**

(To be held virtually 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

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 June 2021 Issue should be given to Alan Chapman by lunch time on **Monday 24th May 2021.**

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

Please copy emails to both
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