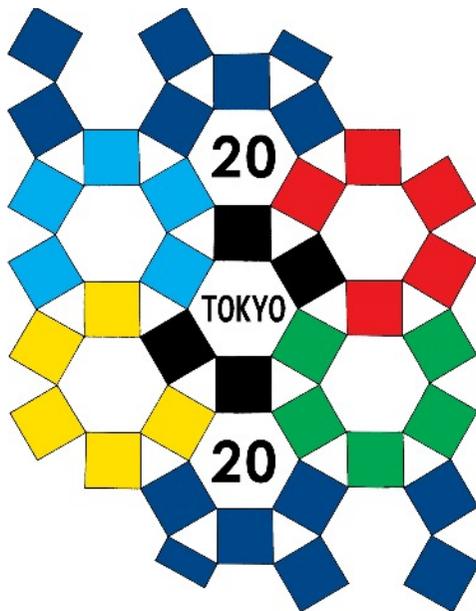


**LANGLEY  
METHODIST**

# **NEWS**

July & August  
2021



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
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

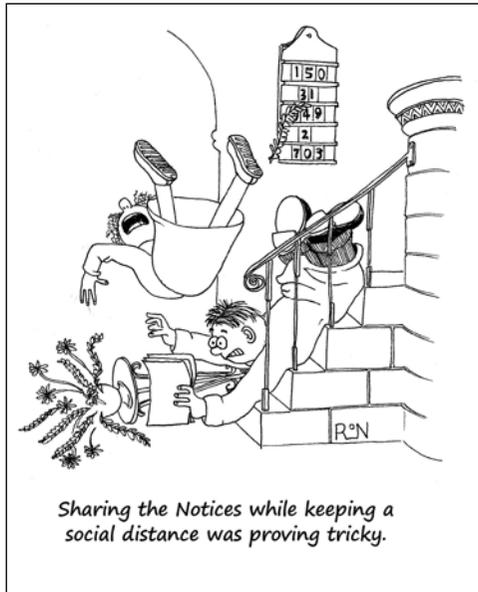
### REGULATIONS and STAFFING PERMITTING

11/07/2021	10.30	Rev Frank Bishop	Morning Service
25/07/2021	10.30	Rev Dr. Graham Edwards	Morning Service
08/08/2021	10.30	Rev Sue Edwards	Morning Service
22/08/2021	10.30	Mrs Anne Fielding	Morning Service

We expect the services in September to follow a similar pattern of services on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

More details will be published when available.

Please email [lmcsundayservice@gmail.com](mailto:lmcsundayservice@gmail.com) or contact any of the Church Stewards, details on the back page



## **India's Coronavirus crisis: urgent support needed**

**All We Can and the Methodist Church in Britain's joint Emergency Coronavirus Appeal are providing essential support to vulnerable communities in India.**

The country, home to 1.3 billion people, is currently in the grips of a deadly wave of Covid-19. Hospitals are unable to cope with the ever-increasing number of cases, oxygen supplies are scarce, and the situation threatens to overwhelm the country's health systems.

Since April 2020, All We Can has supported more than two million people in the pandemic through the Emergency Coronavirus Appeal, and the work of its long-term partners. The Methodist family has also responded to the ongoing pandemic through grants given by the Methodist Church's World Mission Fund partner church Covid-19 responses.

### **GRAPEVINE** Village News

Please send items for the next edition to [thegrapevinesllg@gmail.com](mailto:thegrapevinesllg@gmail.com)

The details of the Open Garden Days are in a later page of this Newsletter

Some events that may happen are in the table below.

Sheep Dog Trials	Always draws a crowd. along with sheep and dogs, but if it runs this summer it will be without the general public
Sutton Flower & Veg Show	Hugely missed last year, but organisers still hoping, September date to be confirmed
Bell Ringers/Choir	See article in June edition of Grapevine for more information
Plant Swap	September date to be confirmed, but save spare plants and pots ready for a gathering at The Pleasance.

## Some Memories of Bill King

*This article by Tony Quinn remembering Bill King was passed on by Viv Warrington. We thank them both for this and hope it brings back fond memories of Bill for our readers.*

### Bill King

Sadly, we said a fond farewell to one of Langley's great characters when Bill King passed away recently. Originally from Wincle, Bill lived in Langley together with his family for many years.

It was during his military service when he was deployed as a driving instructor that he developed a life-long fascination for all things automotive. A career spent driving his own truck all around the country soon followed. As this was in the days long before SAT NAV had been invented, he developed an encyclopaedic knowledge of the UK's roadways. In later life he was an enthusiastic competitor on classic car rallies where he enjoyed many trips including to some of his favourite venues in Ireland.

His much-loved destination for walking trip holidays was Austria where, together with a large group of Langley friends, he made repeated visits.

He was a great champion of numerous community initiatives, serving on the parish council, and as chair of the fete committee as well as being a regular feature at the St Dunstan. The village hall also benefited greatly from his support. During the 1970's he became chairman, reinvigorating the ailing finances at the time

by introducing regular dance nights. He also worked there as caretaker during his retirement.

Bill regularly participated in the SLOPS (Sutton and Langley Onion & Pumpkin Society) competitions with a great deal of success. He devoted just as much passion and effort in devising an ode for the presentation nights as he did to growing the veg.

Countless villagers, past and present, have their own favourite 'Bill stories' from over the years.

In short, Bill loved people. He was at his happiest when entertaining others. He rarely needed much encouragement to burst into song. Some of his most notable appearances were at the annual Langley Revue and Sutton on Stage where quite a few of his unforgettable sketches definitely qualified as 'showstoppers'.

He will be missed by many.



# Canal side Picnic



Ready



Steady



**GO!**



Going...

Gotcha!



Gone!

## **St James the Least of All**

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

### **On why the clergy should avoid computers**

The Rectory  
St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Thank you for the kind offer of your old computer, but I do not want it. I know you find it a fundamental basic of daily life, but I do not, and I intend to keep things that way.

This is despite the fact that our diocesan office now takes it for granted that all of us clergy have a computer. Indeed, the diocesan secretary and I have had several awkward phone calls upon this very subject. He can't believe that I really don't have one, and suspects that I am simply hiding my email address from him so that he cannot send me the daily diocesan briefings, weekly questionnaires, and constant notification of all sorts of meetings and training days. But I remain firm: I have survived in ministry for nearly 50 years without a computer, and I don't intend to change now. When he gets tetchy with me, I take the high moral ground and remind him that St Paul did not have a computer.

Besides, it would not end with just a computer. Next, I would be obliged to get a printer and then ink cartridges and then maybe some sort of virus would attack me. As I have no idea about any of this, I might have to allow someone into the vicarage to sort it out, and even worse, I might even have to *pay* them. My money can be far more usefully spent on good claret.

Being without a computer also saves me much aggravation. From what I can gather, most computer owners spend significant parts of their lives either trying to get their machine to do something that it refuses to do, or else getting help from someone in a remote part of the world who speaks a jargon only distantly related to English, who assures you that whatever you did, it would have been better if you hadn't.

So I have decided that should I ever REALLY need to use a computer for something, I will visit our local primary school and get a six year-old to do the job for me, which they do with effortless efficiency, speed and accuracy.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace





## 3 Villages Open Gardens



**Sat 17 and Sun 18 July, 11.00 - 4.00**

23 Gardens across the Parish will be participating in the Open Gardens event this year. Gardens range from a large country estate through cottage gardens large and small to village courtyard gardens. The full list of gardens open and a map can be downloaded by visiting <https://www.suttonparish.co.uk/latest-news/event-three-villages-open-gardens/>

Among the gardens are three in Langley:

- Clough House, Cock Hall Lane - a deep and wide valley garden with mature trees and beautiful deep borders
- 48 Main Rd - a small back garden with exquisitely cottage-style planting in containers (access from Riverside Court)
- the surprisingly well-concealed Hillside Allotment at the end of Holehouse Lane

If you fancy a walk on the Saturday you can visit these Langley gardens, then take the path over the Hollins to the large garden at Blakelow Farm, with many trees and flower meadows, then along the canal to Sutton Hall Lodge's densely planted cottage garden, and on via footpaths to the Sutton collection. On Sunday, stroll down Cock Hall Lane to the four gardens near Bollin Head, then take the Gritstone trail over to the Ryles Arms and the Old Chapel garden, and back up a footpath to Ridge Hill and the garden at Manor Barn on Ridge Hill, open for the first time in this event.

Tickets only £5.00 for the whole weekend, already on sale at the Sutton General Stores, or from any garden on the day.

Have a good weekend enjoying the best of our local gardens!

*Martin Brown*

## 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.*

### **Exploring the Big Questions: scientists and theologians share their views**

It's important to have debates about science and Christian faith and to dig into the hot topics, but we can't exist solely on a diet of controversy. I find it helpful, at times, to simply enjoy the wonders revealed by science and the big questions they raise about meaning and purpose. What's the universe for? What do you do with your feelings of awe and wonder? Where do we get our sense of the value of the living world from? I had the privilege of meeting a group of Christian scientists and theologians who shared thoughts about these big questions, and will share some of their thoughts here.

The Oxford-based theologian Alister McGrath shared that “science is wonderful at asking questions. Some of those questions can be answered, but very often when you do answer them, they simply open up yet more questions. But of course, there are some more fundamental questions I think science simply cannot answer...questions like, ‘Why am I here?’”

Rhoda Hawkins, a physicist at Sheffield University, has had a similar experience. “I never cease to be amazed at quite how impressive the world is, and how impressive the mechanisms are for how things work...It really is beautiful in many ways, and it leads me to think about God. I'm not saying that I have any proof, but I'm saying that by looking at the world around me it tells me more about God and it leads me to worship Him.”

Another scientist who appreciates beauty is Jeff Hardin, who explained that “studying the wonders of the living world is an exercise in art appreciation. For me, God is the creator of everything... so the joy of discovery is also the joy of appreciating the world that God has made...and leads me to thank God for the amazing world that we have to enjoy and to explore.”

I will close with some words from Jeff Schloss, who – like the others quoted above – finds that Christian faith makes science more satisfying for him. “Once I became a Christian...I had the sense that I was studying the marvels of the natural world, which are marvellous in their own right but become more profoundly engaging and enticing when one thinks that you're studying the works of God.” Perhaps if we can spend more time listening to people like this, our discussions about science and faith will also be richer and deeper.

Quotes from videos on [www.wondersofthelivingworld.org](http://www.wondersofthelivingworld.org)

## **Sutton Parish Council**

### **Changes Proposed to Lyme Green and Rural Wards Boundaries**

You may be aware that Cheshire East Council has been doing a community governance review of town and parish council governance. For Sutton Parish (Lyme Green, Langley, Sutton Lane Ends and Rural Sutton) this could result in the re-drawing of boundaries, changes to the number of councillors, the re-grouping of Wards and the absorption of two Wards into another.

Cheshire East Council recently met to consider commencing a full consultation upon initial draft proposals for town and parish council governance. The Council approved the commencement of the consultation process, which will have a duration of 12 weeks.

We have been told that some preparatory work needs to take place before the consultation can begin. As soon as the consultation has formally commenced, we will be informed.

We would appreciate your views, so please let these be known to your Ward Councillors, Parish Clerk or via our website.

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Keep updated by the Parish Council Website.

<https://www.suttonparish.co.uk/parish-council/council-projects/changes-proposed-to-lyme-green-and-rural-wards-boundaries/>

We are trying to collate all views via our website but, we understand that some may still not have access to the Internet to put forward their views. If this is the case, then please can you post your views to:

[Sutton Parish Clerk, 9 Sutton Road, Poynton, Cheshire, SK12 1SU](mailto:clerk@suttonparish.co.uk)

#### **Attending Sutton Parish Council Meetings**

We are now unable to legally hold virtual meetings however, Council business continues through delegated powers so **please contact us if you have any concerns or issues to raise.**

Going forward we are hoping to organise a meeting on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 7.30 p.m.**

For latest updates, meeting agendas, minutes and financial information please check out our website for details or contact the Parish Clerk.

**Contact details:**

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**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](mailto: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.

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### NEXT ISSUE

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

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