

People we see at the Chapel

With travel easier now that Coronavirus regulations have finally eased, we have started to see holidaymakers and other “strangers” again. One Sunday in August we had no less than nine visitors including a couple from **Essex**. Among the number were seven from one family, as we were pleased to have **David** and **Susanna Berry** from Whiddon Valley Church in Barnstaple, along with their children. David was prevailed upon to share his personal testimony to the Lord’s blessing in his life. Several of our own congregation were away that day but thanks to YouTube it’s possible to see and hear David, and the Pastor’s talk on Nicodemus from that morning, online at: <https://youtu.be/9SyDLW189DA>



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**We invite you to join us for the
 Langford Chapel 175th Anniversary Service
 Saturday 18th September 2021 at 3 p.m.**
 followed by light refreshments

**Guest Speaker
 Dr. Sam Gordon**
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Verse for the Anniversary month

Great is Thy faithfulness

Lamentations Chapter 3 verse 23

Special 175th Anniversary edition

The world is very different than it was in **1846** and even than in 1909 when the photo above was taken. Yet some things do not change and the need for Christians to gather together to sing God’s praise and testify to His power to save is one of those things. Last year’s lockdowns and the Government restrictions must make us appreciate the renewed freedom we have to do this now. Before the Chapel opened the congregation had been meeting in a shed when the private home they had started in became too small. The land was donated and the foundation stone laid in April. In less than six months the building was completed and the opening service was held. What *joy* must have been felt on that occasion! Over the years alterations have come, with an extension in 1936, new pews in 1938, and another extension in 2006. Let us meet with joy now!

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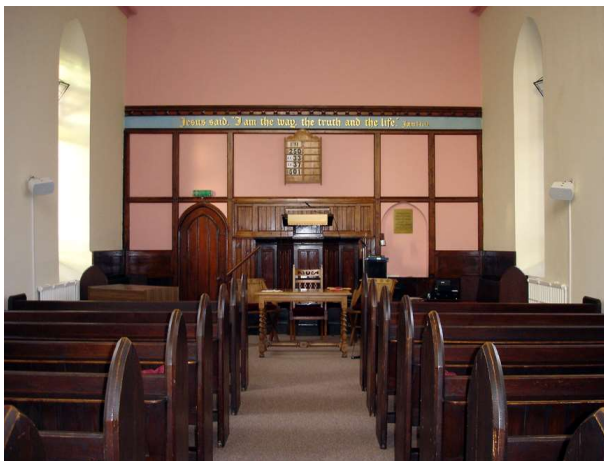
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Then and now

When the Chapel was built it was entered by two inner doors with side aisles and central pews. In 1938 this was changed to a centre aisle with replacement pews each side. These are still used today, with the addition of seat cushions — the thin felt coverings were a bit hard! A couple of years ago we replaced the inner doors, giving more light and making the entrance more welcoming. On the topic of light, oil lamps were used till 1921 when electricity was installed. There were no sound systems in 1846, preachers would have been expected to speak up but gained some help from the ceiling design. Now we have wireless microphones, a hearing loop system, and can transmit live video services! *More on facing page.*



Interior before 1938



Inside the Chapel now.

Prayer requests

Remember those in danger in **Afghanistan**, including Christian workers and pastors.

Pray for those who feel **lonely**, especially widows and widowers.

Pray for new students in **veterinary** training at Langford House.

Continue to ask God to give wisdom to our **leaders** and to raise up those who will respect His laws.

Pray that those who **preach** the Lord's word will be faithful.

Remember those with **health** issues, including E.W.; L.G.; J.L.

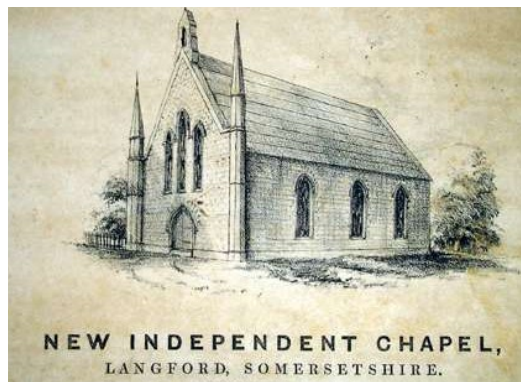
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"Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; 'For Yah, the Lord, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.' "

Isaiah 12:2 NKJV

They didn't have Twitter in 1846 but popular author Charles Dickens' letters included very brief notes sent to tradesmen and his wife!



The architect's impression, 1846. He was the newly-qualified Henry Stuckey, who later emigrated to Australia and used the design there.



160 years later, in 2006. Notice the extension at the back, built in 1936. Out of view is the then newly completed addition with kitchen and toilet facilities.

For your diary

This month is special to us because the 16th of September marks 175 years since Langford Chapel opened in 1846. We are planning a special **service of celebration** on **Saturday 18th** at **3 p.m.** when **Dr. Sam Gordon** will be guest speaker. As we went to press, the re-opened **Aroma** coffee morning was about to start. This month's

event will be on Saturday the **25th**, starting at **10.30.**

Next month it is hoped to have a **Harvest Supper** on **Friday the 8th October.** If you are interested please let us know by the end of September as space is limited. The usual **Harvest Thanksgiving** services are on Sunday **10th** at **11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.**