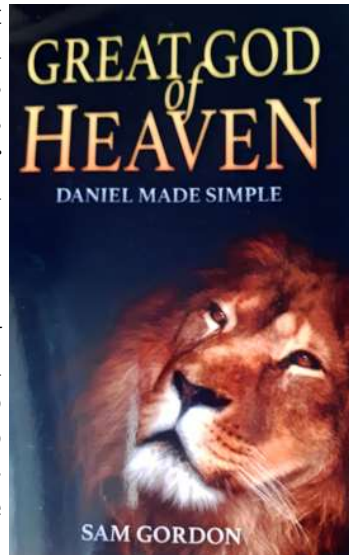


## People we see at Langford Chapel

**Dr. Sam Gordon** got in touch to say that cancellation of some meetings due to the virus meant that he could come to us in October. We have already arranged for him to speak at next year's 175th Anniversary Service and had enjoyed his past visits so we quickly said yes and were glad we did as he shared God's word with us. Sam, who now lives near Doncaster, hails from Northern Ireland and has a flair for making the Bible come alive. He has an online and preaching enterprise, Truth for Today, and has published books, including his latest one on Daniel, "*Great God of Heaven*". Some of us bought signed copies and we can warmly recommend it to you. If you missed his visit, go to <https://www.truthfortoday.co.uk> to purchase a copy and to our website Videos page to watch the recordings of his visit to us.



### Bible quiz

*Sam Gordon spoke to us from Romans 8 in the evening. Can you find answers to these questions in the chapter?*

1. What can save us from being condemned because of sin?
2. What are the benefits of being spiritually minded?
3. Who dwells inside every real Christian?
4. What is the evidence that proves someone is a child of God?
5. What has been sin's effect on the whole creation?
6. How many things work together for good if we love God?
7. What has God done that makes us sure He is for the believer?
8. Where is Jesus Christ now?
9. Who or what might separate a real Christian from God's love?

### Verse for the month

**"And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in You."**  
**Psalm 39 verse 7.**



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## Another 'Link' milestone

It was way back in June 2008 that the very first Langford Link was published and it seems remarkable that we have now reached Number 150. The original idea was that it would supplement the verbal announcements given at the Chapel but just before, in that April, the **Aroma** coffee mornings had commenced. It quickly became apparent that this newsletter could be of use to those friends coming along each month so the content and scope was broadened and the visitors who came to enjoy the refreshments looked forward to the next issue. Our byline, "Keeping you in touch with life and news at Langford Chapel" sprang from this wider purpose and now the readership has spread to others beyond Langford who get copies sent or read it on the website. Perhaps in these difficult Coronavirus days this publication still has a useful role. Don't forget you can also send us items to include.

### *In this issue:*

Reflections on events in changing times: *From the Pastor's study*, inside.  
 Welcome surprise visit: *People we see at Langford Chapel*, back page.

# A favourite hymn

by *Adrian Parker*

“This hymn has always spoken to me of the need to be still and trust the Lord in my life. I love these words and listen to them often.”

## Be still my soul, the Lord is on thy side

Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to thy God to order and provide  
In every change He faithful will remain.  
Be still my soul, thy best, thy heavenly friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still my soul, thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still my soul, the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still my soul, the hour is hastening on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still my soul, when change and tears are past  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.



*Kathrina von Schlegel (Translated by Jane Borthwick, 1855.)*

## COVID-19 protection

Reassurance: We follow Government guidelines and the Chapel is kept clean. Antiviral products are used between morning and evening services.

## Prayer requests

Pray for our Pastor's brother **CJB** who is in poor health now.  
Ask God to guide the **national leaders** in dealing with the Coronavirus issues.  
Remember those who are missing out on Church fellowship and live worship due to **health concerns**.  
Ask the Lord for grace to **trust** Him and not to give into fear.  
Pray for those who preach to be **faithful** to the gospel of Christ.

# Top Tweet

**Langford Evangelical Church** @Langford\_Chapel · Oct 20

Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me;  
Buried, He carried my sins far away!  
Rising, He justified freely forever;  
One day He's coming - O glorious day!  
J Wilbur Chapman 1859-1918  
[#Jesus](#) [#Christ](#)

## From the Pastor's study

**As the 150th issue** of *Langford Link* rolls off the printer it seems a good time to reflect on the last 12½ years. Our first issue recorded that we had a new Moderator for the Church, our good friend Bryn Jones, a retired minister. His role was to look after and encourage us until we could have a Pastor of our own. A month before, I had retired early from the printing industry and was able to spend more time helping the Church. We were praying that the Lord would show us His will and in the Summer of 2009 a possible answer appeared with an American pastor who was visiting this country. You can imagine my surprise when the spotlight unexpectedly shifted and fell on me! After consideration and prayer the members asked me to take on the role. So much has changed (including my grey hair turning white) since then. Many of the faithful Christians who supported me then are no longer with us; new people have appeared to help. The world around us has changed but my responsibility to share the good news of Jesus and to encourage the congregation with the Bible's teaching has not. Recently we were hoping that a younger man would take over. It did not happen but keep reading the "Link". We'll still keep you in touch.

## For your diary

**This month** our Pastor continues with studies in the book of Acts during Sunday services which are recorded and available on the web-site and our YouTube channel. We also expect some visiting preachers: **David Field** on the **8th** November,

which is Remembrance Sunday. **Mark Hope** comes for his second visit on the **22nd**; **Derek Cleave** and **Tim McShane** on the **29th**. The Bible Studies are still on Zoom and David Herring will be speaking on Tuesday the **10th**, 7.45 p.m.

**STOP PRESS:** If the second lockdown goes ahead services will be online.