



BREAKOUT

The supporter magazine for Langley Trust



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WELCOME

I am delighted to welcome you to this special edition of Breakout where we are bringing together the highlights of our 65th Sapphire Anniversary celebrations to share with you.

From June onwards we have enjoyed what I can only describe as an extravaganza of events, homing in on what it means to be Langley, and thanking God for His faithful provision over so many decades. We have thought long and hard about what comes next, and I invite you to keep reading to learn more about this.

Christmas will be here before we know it and we have some exciting plans afoot to celebrate this key time in our calendar. As always we are both thankful for and continuing to seek your support for the work we deliver. We believe that everyone deserves another chance and are so grateful to partner with supporters who share our values and uphold our mission. We could not deliver this work as effectively without you, so once again, thank you for your faithful and kind support.

Ali Hancock

Head of communications



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THAT EVERYONE
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**AN UPDATE
FROM OUR CEO**

"I HOPE, LIKE ME, YOU ARE EXCITED TO SEE WHAT COMES NEXT"

As you read this edition of Breakout, I hope you might feel some sense of the excitement we have experienced across the Trust throughout this Sapphire Season. What has struck me many times as we have celebrated 65 years is just how many of you have journeyed with us over so many years. I am humbled by your commitment and grateful for your faithful support, through prayer, gifts and encouragement.

I hope, like me, you are excited to see what comes next, to be part of the legacy continuing as we embark on the next stage of our journey as Langley Trust. I am confident that God sees the heart of our organisation and the foundations we have sought to build it on, and I know that He blesses us accordingly. It is a privilege to be leading an organisation like Langley and we have had so much to celebrate this year. It has been good to reflect on where God has led us. There is much we still want to do and I thank you for your continued prayers and other support as we see those plans come to fruition.

Thank you all.

Tracy Wild
CEO

NEWS

We have a lot to share with you! You've probably noticed a little change to our branding and style in this edition of Breakout. Surprise! More on that a bit later...

Charity Times Awards – Finalist for Charity of the Year 2023

For the third consecutive year, we were shortlisted as a finalist for the Charity Times Awards 2023 within the 'Charity of the Year' category. This external validation of the calibre of our work is a testament to the dedication of our staff and volunteers; we are so proud and very blessed.

But it didn't stop there...

In September we have also been shortlisted as finalists for two other prestigious external awards: by *LaingBuisson* for 'Excellence in Care' and by *Investors in People* for 'Employee Engagement'.



Black History Month: Saluting our Sisters

Throughout October our teams and services will be planning local events to celebrate and learn about Black History Month, building on the success of our focus last year. Clients, staff and volunteers will be encouraged to participate in a range of activities, some developed by our Together Staff Network, others decided by the services themselves, giving space for clients especially to reflect on and mark Black History Month in a way that is meaningful for them.

Trustees and Senior Leaders’ Spiritual Retreat

We value prayer here at Langley and whilst we are excited to share about the changes and developments within our organisation, especially with our re-brand and new name, it is good to know that the essence of Langley has not changed: prayer remains central and key to all that we do.

So we are delighted to take time mid-October to bring Langley's senior leaders and trustees together for a 24 hour spiritual retreat; time to recalibrate, reflect, worship and pray together.



Prisons Week – 8th-14th October 2023

Every year Langley partners with other organisations affiliated with Prisons Week to pray for all those affected by prison and involved in the criminal justice system. This year the theme will be 'Look Up' and we will be encouraging our services and teams to pray together, with chaplains and managers engaging clients where possible.



A LIGHT IN THEIR DARKNESS

This year we will be supporting our services and teams to host their own Christmas carol service locally, sharing resources that they can use as a basis, but encouraging them to celebrate Christmas in a way that suits their client and staff group best.

We love to see opportunities for creativity to flourish and to involve our clients and staff as much as possible, so we look forward to hearing from each of our services how those celebrations unfold. We understand that for many of our clients Christmas can be a challenging time, a season that triggers painful, worrying memories and our staff are highly skilled in supporting clients through this time with care and sensitivity.

For those of you who have enjoyed our online service over the past few years,

we will this year be releasing a short 'Christmas Video Message' that you are welcome to show at your church or to your home group. We'd love your prayers especially during this busy time. Please also give and invite others to give to our Christmas Appeal, which invites you to be 'a light in their darkness.'

OUR CHRISTMAS APPEAL

HOT TOPIC

LANGLEY TRUST... 65 YEARS AND COUNTING!



September has been a significant month for Langley, drawing 3 months of anniversary celebrations to a close with a wonderful service of thanksgiving held in London on 12th September.

During these 3 months we have seen our organisation at its creative best, engaging clients, staff and volunteers in an array of events and activities.

Badged the Sapphire Season, we embarked on making blueberry muffins at every opportunity! Fundraising exploded into life

with two of our directors raising money for their 65 km bike ride in the height of the summer, and another director completing a walk between different services, totalling 65 miles (not kilometres!) One colleague single-handedly raised £1700 with his triathlon in May, and our staff engaged clients in various

competitions, baking an anniversary cake, writing a poem, and creating a garden display to commemorate the 65th anniversary.

WE WERE PLEASED TO LAUNCH OUR NEW WEBSITE AND BRANDING, AND AS PART OF THIS PROCESS WE HAVE ALSO CHANGED OUR NAME FROM LANGLEY HOUSE TRUST TO LANGLEY TRUST.

At our thanksgiving celebration each of our client services was represented by a flag designed by that service. Presented in church, many by clients, and hung proudly from the balconies we saw a unique expression of what Langley stands for: we welcome and invite our people to join in, clients, staff and volunteers, those of all faiths and none, to stand with us and feel that sense of belonging, of being

safe, and at home.

This year we have proudly celebrated our 65th Anniversary of supporting people with convictions. We will continue to deliver this work, but have recognised the need to develop our brand, enabling us to continue this transformational work for the next 65



years and beyond, recognised as the experienced, effective and relevant market leader we are.

OUR VISION AND IDENTITY REMAIN: THAT EVERYONE DESERVES ANOTHER CHANCE

At our Thanksgiving Service we were pleased to launch our new website and branding, and as part of this process we have also changed our name from Langley House Trust to Langley Trust. This updated name better reflects the diversity of the services we provide and means we will continue to be referred to as 'Langley'.

It was a privilege to be joined at the thanksgiving service by Elfrida Calvocoressi, former trustee and the wife of one of Langley's founding members, Roy Calvocoressi; and especially poignant to have her present as we launched our new brand. It was also a joy to have daughters of another founder, Oliver Stott, there with us; their legacy is thriving.

With these exciting updates and changes to our brand it is important to highlight what stays the same: namely, that we will continue to deliver high quality and innovative services to all our clients. Our vision and mission to help people with convictions to transform their lives is as strong as ever. Through our established complex needs care, supported housing and specialist advice services, our work promotes rehabilitation, helps to prevent crime, and reduces the risks of reoffending. As a Christian charity working across England, we believe everyone deserves another chance.

We would love you to take a look at our new website www.langleytrust.org and please get in touch if you have any enquiries about our services, would like to make a referral or simply want to know more about our work.

Over 65 years on, we are proud of the work our founders began and motivated to be continuing it into the next season. Our services have expanded and our name has changed to Langley Trust, but our vision and identity remain: that everyone deserves another chance, and no-one is beyond reach.



If you haven't yet been able to watch the service but would like to, please email s.sweatman@langleyhoustrust.org and we will provide you with the link to the video.

It has been quite an autumn – some of you were with us for our 65th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service in London on 12th September but I'm sure there are others reading this who weren't able to be there. The service began at 2pm and at 2.15pm we launched our new 'brand' which I am sure you have seen in evidence across this Breakout and our new website – langleytrust.org

Focusing our name as 'Langley Trust' will help to promote us as an organisation that can be 'trusted,' a charity both professional partners and personal supporters will want to back. We want our clients to trust us too and many 1000s over 65 years have done just that, seeing their lives transformed.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

At the service I spoke about our name 'Langley' derived from two old English words, 'long' and 'lea.' A lea referring to an open space, a grassy clearing, a sunlit glade in the woodland. Long speaks for itself, so Langley could be described as a wide-open space. My prayer is that for all our clients, Langley is and will continue to be an open space where they can find a welcome, for some a home, for many a space simply to 'be'. To rediscover within themselves the person God

designed them to be, and to begin a transformation that brings life, hope and dignity.

In Matthew 18 Peter asks Jesus how many times he should forgive those who sin against him, Jesus replies, not seven as in the Torah but seventy times seven, in other words - more times than you can count. It is this generous posture of grace that means we can say at Langley: Everyone deserves another chance.

'SHOULDN'T YOU HAVE MERCY?'

Matthew 18.33

Andy Rider

Director of Chaplaincy Services



FUNDRAISING news

As we have mentioned it has been quite the season of celebration at Langley lately. We have celebrated our 65th anniversary in style with fundraising, garden projects, competitions, challenges, crafts, a very special thanksgiving service, and of course lots of cake!

We chose to celebrate Langley's Sapphire Season over the course of 12 weeks, where spirits were lifted throughout our services and teams as we reflected with our clients on the important and life-changing work Langley has accomplished.

THANK YOU to those who support us – whether it has been for a full 65 years, a few months, or somewhere in between. Without your support, encouragement, prayer and giving we wouldn't have been able to offer consistently high-quality levels of care and service to those individuals with convictions who need a second chance.

Thank you also to all those of you who got involved in our Sapphire Season, whether you have hosted your own fundraising event, donated to our celebrations, shared your stories of coming to know Langley or prayed alongside us.

As those who attended our Thanksgiving Service in Christ Church Spitalfields will know, this was an incredibly heart-warming and inspiring occasion where some of our clients had the opportunity to share elements of their faith and their Langley journey with the congregation. The highlight for many of us was the flag parade, where clients and staff from our services paraded flags down the aisle of the church that they had masterfully and thoughtfully spent hours creating in advance with other clients and colleagues, designed uniquely to represent their own service. To see the colour, intricacy and vibrancy on the flags was a joy, but to see the pride that was taken in representing the services was a moment many of us will remember for a long time to come. Thank you so very much to those of you who participated in the Thanksgiving Service in person or by watching online. We were so honoured to have your support.

During our Thanksgiving Service – and as we touched upon in our last letter to you – we officially launched our new branding! We have been working for many months on rebranding our treasured organisation with the understanding a brand is not just a logo but a representation of what we do and how we do it... we have reviewed everything from our language to our logo and colours in the last year, and

are so pleased with the results – we hope you are too.

Thank you for your patience as we have rolled out our different communications regarding this, and we hope that you continue to enjoy our upcoming materials and updates.

Sophie Sweatman
Supporter Relationship Manager



THANK YOU DARREN





THANK YOU CHRIS

THANK YOU ANDY and SIMON



THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORT US

**WOULD YOU LIKE
TO SUPPORT
OUR WORK
FINANCIALLY?**



Make a one-off donation:

If you'd like to send a donation via cheque, CAF voucher, cash or Stewardship voucher, please make them payable to Langley House Trust and send to 'The Fundraising Team, 3 & 4 The Square, Manfield Avenue, Walsgrave, Coventry, CV2 2QJ'

Or alternatively you can donate online by visiting our website langleytrust.org and clicking on the 'donate now' button, which will guide you through making a one-off or regular donation.

Become a regular giver

Discovering that somebody has set up a direct debit to donate to us monthly or annually is truly heart-warming, and one of the biggest ways you can help support the work of the Trust. It means we have a network of people we can rely on, short-term or long-term, and put funds towards areas that need it most.

You can become a regular giver by going to our website langleytrust.org and following the steps to set up re-occurring payments, for a frequency and amount of your choosing, or you can set up a standing order through your bank to Langley Trust

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**COULD
YOU BE A
LIGHT
IN THEIR
DARKNESS?**



Please go to our website to read about our Christmas Appeal, 'A light in their darkness...' if you haven't already received a letter about this. You can hear from our Director of Finance - scan the code or head to our website langleytrust.org/lightindarkness



Your gift makes such a difference and will literally enable some of our clients to keep the lights on this winter.

**THANK YOU, ANGELA, FOR
EVERYTHING YOU ARE DOING
AT MARIPOSA, AND TO
EACH OF OUR VOLUNTEER
CHAPLAINS AT LANGLEY.
YOU ARE ALL TRULY AMAZING!**



CELEBRATING OUR CHAPLAINS

If you are called to be a chaplain or volunteer with Langley, I would advise you to be genuinely committed to the role, as these high standards are required of everyone.

If you decide to become a chaplain with Langley – and you are accepted – it will be a fulfilling experience and you will love it!

We are so grateful to our team of volunteer Chaplains who provide spiritual and pastoral support to our people in services and departments nationwide. Our volunteer Chaplains all share our passion to support people who have offended to transform their lives and to thrive, because everyone deserves another chance! Angela, one of our volunteer chaplains, has told us about her role at Mariposa House:

How long have you been volunteer chaplain at Mariposa House?

I have been a volunteer chaplain for three years

How did you hear about Langley and what led you to volunteer at Mariposa?

I first learnt about Langley about ten years ago when I was working with prison chaplaincy and with ex-offenders. When I was told that Mariposa was looking for a chaplain, I jumped at the chance (of course I prayed about it too).

What do you love about being the chaplain at Mariposa?

I love being accepted by the Mariposa women. They have experienced extreme difficulties throughout their lives and are understandably very guarded and distrusting of authority - yet they trust me. What an honour!

A highlight for me has been when clients have visited our church; two are now regular attendees.

I love the Christian ethos at Mariposa which is enjoyed by everyone – whatever their faith. It is a huge privilege to be an integral part of the community of staff and clients. On a typical visit, I just sit, chat, and listen – mostly, listen. I am amazed how often the women ask for prayer.

Of course, I also pray for every member of the Mariposa community when I'm away from the service – whether they ask for it or not – I see it as my responsibility. I just love seeing how God answers these prayers.

I love the way that Langley values and respects its volunteers. We are provided with training; we are 'connected' through regular meetings, conferences and retreats; we even get thank you cards and gifts.

Do you have any advice for anybody who would like to become a chaplain or volunteer at one of Langley's services?

The standard of the organisation of the services and the professional care they give is excellent. They are an expression of God's love.

Would you like to join our growing chaplains team nationwide? Or perhaps you know someone who is looking for this ministry? For an informal chat and more information, please contact:

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VOLUNTEERING

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Langley
volunteering
opportunities

If there are other roles you think you would be interested in as a volunteer with Langley we would love to speak with you about those too. We have a range of opportunities for all kinds of volunteers, not just chaplains. Our Volunteering Manager, Rich Farrell, is asking for supporters' prayers at this time for new volunteers to join us

but also to give thanks for our pool of dedicated volunteers who serve so faithfully. If this is something you might be interested in, Rich would welcome a chat with you. He can be contacted as follows:

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