

BREAKOUT

The supporter magazine for Langley Trust



SUMMER 2026

TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER



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Cover Image: Staff & Clients at our Client Encounter Day



Staff Member & Client at Chatterton Hey

WELCOME TO BREAKOUT – SUMMER 2026!

Hello! My name is Louisa, and I became the Partner Relations Lead at Langley Trust in 2025. If you've received an email, letter or phone call from us recently, there's a good chance we've already spoken!

It is such a privilege to connect with you and share the incredible ways God is at work through Langley. We recently enjoyed our People Conferences, where all Langley staff and volunteers gathered to celebrate, connect and grow. The theme this year was **Connected: Together We Are Stronger** which we have used as inspiration for this edition of Breakout.

Romans 12:6-8 reminds us that God has gifted each of us in different ways to serve him and one another. Whether through prayer, volunteering, giving or simply showing kindness, every person has an important role to play. Together, as one body in Christ, we can bring hope, transformation and love to those who need it most. Thank you for being part of the Langley family!

Louisa Abdulazeez
Partner Relations Lead



Learn more about
Louisa on Page 19

WE HAVE DIFFERENT GIFTS, ACCORDING TO THE GRACE GIVEN TO EACH OF US...

Romans 12:6

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CREATED FOR CONNECTION

**THOUGH ONE MAY BE
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Ecclesiastes 4:12

The Bible reminds us that we are stronger together. God created us for connection – with Him and with one another. Each of us needs community and a sense of belonging.

At Langley Trust, we seek to be a place where people can connect, belong, and be valued, whether as a client, staff member, or volunteer. When people feel seen, supported, and part of something bigger than themselves, it can make a real difference. Time and again, this sense of belonging proves vital in helping people make positive change and begin to look ahead with renewed hope.



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In a recent client feedback survey, our top three strengths were:

1. Staff kindness, compassion, and professionalism
2. Clients and tenants feeling safe and supported
3. Visible Christian values

The way our staff relate to clients is fundamental to positive outcomes. Kindness, compassion, professionalism, and lived Christian values create belonging and provide a strong foundation for change.

I am immensely proud to work for Langley Trust and grateful for our talented, passionate, and committed staff. Thank you to every colleague, and to all our supporters who make this work possible.

Tracy

Tracy Wild
Chief Executive



Staff & Clients at our Client Encounter Day

STRONGER TOGETHER: a VISION FOR CHAPLAINCY

Introducing Lead Chaplains

We are very excited to be appointing our first paid Lead Chaplains at Langley Trust.

Over the years our volunteer chaplains have made a huge difference to the lives of our clients and staff. Speaking always of the love of God in Jesus, coming alongside our clients and praying frequently for the Holy Spirit to fall on our services, our staff, our clients and their families.

A number of our chaplains are trained in chaplaincy, and we are witnessing an increasingly deep, faith-filled and professional service across the Trust. As we approach our 70th anniversary our vision is of teams of chaplains in every service led by paid part-time Lead Chaplains, who with more hours can give leadership locally, working with staff and local churches to ensure all at Langley can encounter the living God and are offered strong follow-through care.

Rev Preb Andy Rider Director of Chaplaincy Services

“IT WAS TRAGIC THAT A GUY WHO WAS SO OPEN TO FAITH DIDN'T GET THE SUPPORT HE NEEDED WHEN HE LEFT PRISON

We caught up with Jasper, our first Lead Chaplain, to learn more about his role. Jasper is based at our Bradford Supported Housing service which comprises of 8 properties across Bradford with capacity for 45 clients.

Tell us how you came to be a chaplain at Langley?

If you don't mind, I'll go back a bit further in my history. When I was younger, as part of a church youth project I got to know a young person, and he eventually ended up in prison.

Several years later, we exchanged letters and he came to faith in the prison... but when he left he didn't return to church. I felt it was tragic that a guy who was so open to faith didn't get the support he needed when he left prison.

That stayed with me for many years, and more recently I felt led to be involved with people who were in or leaving prison. I applied to be a volunteer chaplain at Ashdene in Wakefield and when I was told about the Lead Chaplain position I thought this is something I'd like to do. I want to see more chaplains making a huge difference to the lives of these people.



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What have been some encouraging moments?

It is so encouraging how many clients have been open to allowing me to speak into their lives and support and guide them.

We recently took three clients to the Langley Encounter Day. The speaker talked about how Christ had helped him start living a different, freer and better life... all three clients were really impacted.

What excites you about your role?

What excites me is the opportunity to develop a team and to get alongside many clients who are looking for pastoral care. I hope we're able to position a chaplain in each property. There's no way one or two chaplains can cover all the properties, and without building relationships why would a client speak to a chaplain?

The only way you can really do that is by being present. Once that happens, you can see the potential to really impact and see transformation in many, many clients.

What would you say about Langley and its impact?

I think Langley is a great organisation I'm very encouraged by the people and by the vision. Because it's big and has a Christ focus, it has huge potential to impact many lives.

I really believe God is wanting to work with the last, the least, the lost and by doing this work, we're partnering with what God is doing right now amongst us.

READ MORE:

- *Hear from one our Bradford clients on page 10*
- *Read Jasper's devotion on page 16*

SUPPORTING OUR LEAD CHAPLAINS

We have recently recruited another Lead Chaplain for Eliora, another of our dispersed supported housing services, and are looking to recruit in other services soon.

These new roles have only been made possible through raising additional funds. If you would like to learn more or to give specifically to support a Lead Chaplain at one of our services please get in touch – see pages 18-19.

LANGLEY BY NUMBERS

Take a look at this brief snapshot of the scale and growth of our work, the people involved and the lives impacted by your ongoing prayer and support.



17

SERVICES

up from 15 last year

551

TOTAL ROOMS

up from 458 last year

441

STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

up from 406 last year

59

**CLIENTS CURRENTLY IN
EMPLOYMENT OR VOLUNTEERING**

IN THE LAST YEAR | 2025-2026

1286

CLIENTS RECEIVED OUR CARE
including in-prison advice service

116

**CLIENTS SUCCESSFULLY
MOVED ON**

87%

**OF SURVEYED SUPPORTED HOUSING
CLIENTS SATISFIED WITH SERVICE**

519

**CLIENTS STARTED
NEW TENANCIES WITH US**

1956

**APPLICATIONS FROM
POTENTIAL CLIENTS**

92%

**OF SURVEYED CLIENTS RATE
CARE AS GOOD OR EXCELLENT**



CHAPLAINCY

26

**VOLUNTEER
CHAPLAINS**

2

**Lead
CHAPLAINS**

+1 currently
recruiting

71

**PEOPLE AT OUR
LEADERSHIP
RETREAT**

29

**STAFF AT LAST
ENCOUNTER DAY**

10

**STAFF ATTENDED
STAFF ALPHA**

~30

**CLIENTS ATTENDING
CHURCH EACH MONTH**

19

**CLIENTS AT LAST
ENCOUNTER DAY**



CONNECTION CHANGED EVERYTHING

Paul's Story

Paul moved into a shared house in Bradford at the beginning of the year. He has since connected with fellow clients, Langley staff and Jasper, the Lead Chaplain. He shared with us the huge significance of making these meaningful connections to him and to his future.

“ I'M ON THE RIGHT TRACK NOW. I'VE NEVER BEEN OUT OF JAIL THIS LONG. I'VE ALWAYS BEEN BACK IN PRISON THREE DAYS DOWN THE LINE. I'VE NEVER BEEN OUT FOR A MONTH.

What was it like when you first came to Langley?

I was anxious. I suffered from paranoia. I didn't know nobody... but everybody made me feel welcome. All the staff, all the lads in the house, and it's been like that ever since.

How has your service supported you?

It's helped me with everything... drinking and drugs mainly because I was big-time into drinking and drugs. The staff supported me, every week they ask me about it and I'm not taking it. Jasper supports me as well, we have Friday groups and we went to the group in Coventry [Client Encounter Day] and it was brilliant ...



Names are sometimes changed to protect those in our care.

I can't afford to go back to jail, and I don't want to go back to jail. Now I've got the support and the network to make sure, and that could be all the difference.



Client Encounter Day

Tell us more about your groups with your chaplain Jasper?

We just talk, we do a prayer group and before that we talk about if I've got problems. Whatever's happening to me – I could be stressed, paranoid, want to drink – and they help me through it.

They talk to me like a human being, not like someone that's just walked in.

How has faith played a role for you?

I've always had faith, but it's always been in the back of my head. I've never actually acted on it.

Now I've got the time, I'm starting to get back into faith. I read the Bible, I say my prayers at night and in the morning. Jasper is showing me the right way. I'm just starting to get back into Jesus again.

How has Langley given you hope?

It's given me hope that I can do this, it's showing me that I can be the better person that I've always wanted to be. Drinking and drugs always took over my life but now I'm not drinking or taking drugs.

IT'S GIVEN ME HOPE THAT I CAN DO THIS, IT'S SHOWING ME THAT I CAN BE THE BETTER PERSON THAT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE.

How are things for you now?

I'm on the right track now. I've never been out of jail this long. I've always been back in prison three days down the line. I've never been out for a month – and now it's carrying on, and it's going to carry on.



NEWS ROUND-UP



INTRODUCING LANGDON HOUSE

We have previously shared that we were working hard on renovations to open a new service – thank you so much for your prayers. We are pleased to announce that Langdon House in Poole has now officially (re)opened!

Having previously run a service at Langdon, we recently took the building back and embarked on a huge renovation project. We are now pleased to share that Langdon House officially reopened its doors in April as our second Independent Approved Premises, in partnership with HMPPS.

Approved Premises (APs) are residential units that provide temporary placements in the community for people leaving prison and on probation, offering enhanced supervision and rehabilitative support. Langdon House has space for 17 men who, whilst being closely supervised by the Probation Service, will receive temporary yet stable accommodation and support to address their needs, find work and ultimately a permanent home in the community.

As we know so well, having a safe place to live is vital for people with convictions to reduce reoffending and effectively reintegrate into the community. Join us in prayer for this new opportunity, in a new area, to have a significant and positive impact on the lives of these men.



CLIENT ENCOUNTER DAY

This year's Client Encounter Day was held at the beginning of May at Christ Church, in Coventry - what an inspiring day it was!

19 clients and 10 staff spent a day in worship and prayer and responded to the powerful testimony of Stu Otten, author of *The Switch*, who spoke honestly about addiction, pain and the hard things people go through. Using a visual brick wall, Stu's message was simple: no one is too far gone, and change is possible. That's a message we wholeheartedly agree with!

EXTERNAL AWARD NOMINATIONS

We are delighted to share that we have had numerous staff members short-listed in the **Housing Hero**, **Women in Housing**, and **Housing with Care** external awards. Join us in celebrating the individuals below:




Housing Hero & Women in Housing Awards:

- **Lisa Letch** Longcroft
– Inspirational Leader of the Year
- **Susanne Shaw** Box Tree Cottage
– Inspirational Colleague of the Year
- **Natasha Sinclair** Referrals – Woman of the Future
- **Sandy Kaur** Housing – Woman of the Future

Housing with Care Awards:

- **Jane Firth** Longcroft
– Activities Co-ordinator Award
- **Elise Sherriff** Ashdene – Team Leader Award
- **Ioana Grosu** Longcroft – Chef Award
- **Kadesh** – Housing Team Award*
- **Lisa Letch** Longcroft – Manager Award

 **NEWS FLASH:** *during the production of Breakout, Kadesh were announced as WINNERS of the Housing Team Award. Big congratulations and well done to the team at Kadesh!



HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY JOHN!

John, our Volunteer Chaplain at Park View, celebrated his 80th birthday earlier this year! Staff and clients gathered at Park View to celebrate this milestone!

We are so thankful to John for his incredibly fruitful service and his dedication to our staff and clients at Park View and beyond. We thank God for the nearly 14 years he has given to Langley and for the many, many lives he has been a blessing and encouragement to – here's to many more!

IN OTHER NEWS



Legal Name Change – Langley Trust

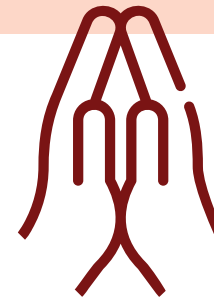
We have now officially changed our legally registered name from Langley House Trust to Langley Trust. For donating by cheque and using our bank details you can now use Langley Trust. See page 18 for more details.

5/17 Langley Day of Prayer – 17th-18th May

Thank you so much for everyone prayed for Langley. We enjoyed a fantastic day praying as teams, individuals and online

Save the Date

Prisons Week – 11th-17th October A national prayer week for all impacted by criminal justice. The theme this year is: *All Are Invited* - check out prisonsweek.org for details.



A New Chair of Trustees

– see next page!

THE NEXT CHAPTER

A New Chair of Trustees

We recently said goodbye to our Chair of Trustees. Ruth Williams joined Langley as a Trustee in 2017 and was voted chair in 2022. She has served Langley so faithfully in this time and we are so grateful for her passion for our work, her commitment to our staff and clients and the time and effort she has dedicated to the Trust.

Ruth hands over to our new chair Richard – read some words from both of them here:

a message FROM RUTH

I am sad to be leaving Langley Trust after 9 years. During this time I have seen how God has blessed the work – we learnt from the care demands during the COVID pandemic, we increased our care home facilities and supported housing, as well as developing new services supporting people leaving the criminal justice system. As we have grown, the Board of Trustees also strengthened our governance arrangements suitable for a larger organisation.

As Trustees over the last few years we have been able to meet with clients, at the NCG* and during our board visits to services. We have heard stories from clients and staff at each of our board meetings, and we have met with staff at the People Conferences and Retreats – this has helped us get to know Langley even better as an organisation.

It has been a real encouragement for me seeing the times as a board that we have agreed a direction and then for God to show us the details. This has included where to have a new care home, or providing funding for gifts to staff during the pandemic, or a change in use of a building, or developing our chaplaincy work. There are too many to name here!

In my time as chair we celebrated 65 years of Langley Trust and the legacy of Team K our founders. As I hand over to Richard Montgomery, the new chair, I pray for God's continued favour on all who work at Langley to enable the outworking of God's love to be a beacon of hope.

WITH LOVE, RUTH

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**Our clients' National Consultative Group*



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I love Langley's mission: we all need second chances as individuals, and managing those second chances for our clients with care and attention is such a support to them as well as being good for society. This I believe is God's calling on all of us involved with Langley.

By 'all of us' I of course mean all our staff, volunteers and supporters, and I'm excited at the prospect of continuing to serve in this wide team in my new role. Ours is a mission which matters. I'd love to ask that you all continue to pray for Langley whether that be a 10am on a Thursday morning, when Langley gathers to pray, or whenever you are able!



RICHARD MONTGOMERY, NEW CHAIR OF TRUSTEES



ALL OF OUR TRUSTEES ARE VOLUNTEERS WHO GIVE THEIR TIME FREELY. WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR THEIR GENEROSITY - WE COULDN'T DO WHAT WE DO WITHOUT THEM.

Pause For Thought

DEVOTION



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Ecclesiastes 4:12

Have you noticed how different we can be?

Sometimes these differences can keep us apart from each other. But that is not what God intended.

God tells us that we each have different gifts and callings to bring to the table. Jesus tells us that when two or three are gathered, He is there with us. He sends us out in teams to reach the lost and establish churches.

Recently I took three clients down to Coventry for the Langley Encounter Day, to a church I had never visited to hear a speaker I knew little about. I left home at 6.30am and returned at 8.15pm. In one sense it would have been easier to stay in Yorkshire and work with the clients there, but this speaker had seen God turn his life around and break off the heavy burdens he was carrying.

He had a big impact on the clients, and I hope the event will be instrumental in them choosing to follow Jesus and see their lives transformed.

We are stronger together!

So how can we work better together? I think it starts with being open to the idea that God hasn't just spoken to us, or to our church or organisation, but to others as well. And that He wants us to develop unity through partnership, so that together we can see His will done and His Kingdom come. I believe the Spirit of God is leading us to partner with others, so that we are no longer just working in the places we are familiar with and comfortable. We are not just focused on our organisation, but the Kingdom.

- Has God put something on your heart recently that could be done in partnership?
- Can we help you in the mission God has given you? And are you called to help us in some way, whether through prayer, volunteering, giving etc.?

If so we would love to hear from you.

“GOD WANTS US TO DEVELOP UNITY THROUGH PARTNERSHIP, SO THAT TOGETHER WE CAN SEE HIS WILL DONE AND HIS KINGDOM COME.”



Jasper Hodgess
Lead Chaplain | Bradford
Dispersed Housing



Client Encounter Day

If you want to learn more about partnering or volunteering with Langley, please get in touch with Louisa. See page 19.

SUPPORT US

Give financially to Langley and help people with convictions to transform their lives. We truly value all our supporters and the huge difference they make to the individuals we work with.

Give to Langley to improve our client experience

Help Langley provide the best experiences, resources and environments to see our clients flourish. Our services and their gardens are our clients' homes – they are significant to their rehabilitation and success.

Give to the work of our chaplaincy teams

Support our chaplaincy work as they ensure a Christian presence in each of our services – providing friendship, support and the opportunity to hear about the redemptive love of Jesus.

Please Note: We have now officially changed our legal name from Langley House Trust to Langley Trust. All cheques can now be made payable to Langley Trust. This will also be reflected on the name associated with our bank account.



GIVE NOW

langleytrust.org/givenow

For more information or if you have any questions please get in touch with Louisa.

Ways To Give

- **Make a one-off donation:**
langleytrust.org/givenow or use the QR code above.
- **Set up a regular standing order:**
langleytrust.org/givenow or use the QR code above.
- **Leave A Legacy:**
Over the years we have had the privilege of being included in the legacies of many Langley friends and supporters. Please get in touch if you would like to discuss this opportunity.



GET TO KNOW LOUISA

Partner Relations Lead

How did you come to work for Langley Trust?

My connection with Langley began through my husband, Tunde, who joined the Trust in 2020 and is now the Service Manager at The Shrubbery. Hearing how faith was woven into everyday life at Langley really touched me. I remember saying, “One day I’ll work there too” and in 2024 this came true!

What encourages you about Langley’s work?

I’m encouraged by the genuine passion people have for supporting people in need. So many staff members live out their faith daily, striving to be God’s hands and feet in a world that needs hope, love and restoration.

What do you enjoy most about your role?

I love connecting with our supporters and hearing your heart for Langley’s mission. Every donation, prayer and message of encouragement reminds us of God’s goodness and the amazing community standing behind the work we do.

When you aren’t at work, what do you love to do?

Over the past year, I’ve taught myself how to crochet, sew and punch needle, and I’ve discovered a real love for crafts and creative projects. I also enjoy home renovations and creating a warm, welcoming home for my family and everyone who walks through our doors.

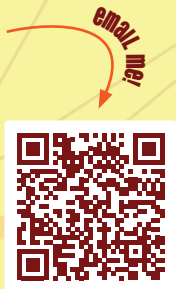
GET IN TOUCH WITH me

I love to hear from our supporters. Please do get in touch if you want to learn more about our work, how you can volunteer or have your church partner with us, or if you want to support a specific project – such as our Lead Chaplains.

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 Langdon House



**THANKS FOR READING THIS EDITION.
WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

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