

Langley House Trust is an innovative Christian charity that provides specialist housing, programmes and support in the community, and targeted advice in prisons, for offenders seeking to live crime-free. Since 1958 we have earned an enviable reputation for reducing reoffending with proven results.

Part of the Langley House Trust Group, **Kainos Community** transforms lives through Challenge to Change, a pioneering prison-wing community and post-release mentoring programme.

Regardless of a person's history, our passion is to change every life for the better, working with people of all faiths and none.

We have a weekly email prayer resource (ideal for group prayer) and a supporter magazine, **BREAK-OUT**, published four times a year. It contains news, updates, articles, the event diary and all you need to keep up-to-date with our work across the country. To receive either of these resources, please contact us.

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Thanks and Praise

01 Thank God for the connections that we made at Big Church Day Out in May. Praise Him for those who signed up to pray for our work.

02 Thank God for the provision He has made for the Trust – for opening up new funding and opportunities which has enabled us to continue projects, despite ongoing spending cuts.

Chatterton Hey (Bury)

Residential care home for 13 male ex-offenders

03 The project is holding a summer fete later this month – pray that this will be a great opportunity to positively engage with the local community, some of whom have been previously hostile.

04 Thank God for the progress that has been made by a number of residents, several of whom have engaged in volunteering, training and education.

05 The project will be undergoing a Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection today. Pray that CQC will recognise the hard work and efforts of the project and give Chatterton an excellent report.

06 As various staff members prepare to take time off over the summer, pray that they will return replenished and rejuvenated and thank God for their hard work in helping men to change their lives after prison.

The Knole (Cheltenham)

Residential care home for 14 male ex-offenders and support for male ex-offenders in their own homes

07 The Knole has been recruiting for a Deputy. Pray that God will bring the right person who has a real heart to see transformation in the lives of our residents.

08 Ask God to open up opportunities in volunteering, training and employment. These play a key role in helping residents to gain greater independence and truly turn their backs on crime.

09 Thank God for the residents who have successfully moved on into the community – either completely independently or with floating support from staff. Pray that the residents will continue to settle into their new lives.

Residents' Engagement

10 We are committed to involving residents' in every area of the Trust's work – from input at Board level to influencing how services are run on the ground. Thank God for the residents who have been involved in this and for the positive difference this has made.

11 Pray for more residents to get involved with local house meetings. Some residents struggle to take part, particularly when trying to overcome addictions, social isolation and mistrust of others.

12 Our national service user forum, the National Consultative Group, is taking place today. Thank God for all those involved and pray that this will be a positive and productive meeting.

Chaplains

13 Thank God for all our chaplains across our projects. Chaplains give their time voluntarily to engage with staff and residents, offer prayer and Christian insight. Ask God to bless them richly in this role.

14 We are holding our next regional thanksgiving in Greater Manchester this evening. Pray that the event will be a great success.

15 Pray for strength and encouragement for our chaplains as they counsel and support staff and residents. Ask God to increase their discernment and wisdom so that they speak words in season to those who are weary.

16 Ask God to open up divine opportunities for chaplains to engage with staff and residents to share the love and hope of Jesus.

Murray Lodge (Coventry)

Hostel and community houses for 28 male ex-offenders and support for male and female ex-offenders in their own homes

17 The staff team has had a number of new staff members join in recent months. Ask God to knit them together in a spirit of unity and strengthen them daily in their work with men changing their lives after prison.

18 Pray for breakthrough in residents' lives – some struggle with addictions, alcoholism, low self-esteem, lack of motivation and mistrust of authority. Ask God to break every chain so that they can successfully move forward.

Board Meeting

19 Praise God for our Trustee board, headed up by our Chair, Malcolm Hayes. The Board will be meeting today to decide on key strategic areas for the Trust. Pray for God's wisdom and discernment in the meeting.

Day of Prayer

20 We will be holding our next day of prayer today where we will be seeking God for His guidance and praying for various areas including breakthrough for our residents and future funding. Pray that we will see great outcomes as a result.

Park View (Fleetwood)

Hostel and community houses for 14 male ex-offenders

21 Park View has recently opened some new community houses which has resulted in some local opposition. Pray that the houses will be successfully established and that the local community will come on board.

22 Opening the new community houses has increased the workload on the staff team. Pray that they will know God's strengthening and help to manage this.

23 Park View also accommodates men coming from prison who require care services due to their physical or mental health needs. The project will need to increase care referrals to prepare for the withdrawal of local authority funding next year. Pray for the staff team as they manage this change and receive training to manage a different type of placement.

Pathways to Employment (Coventry)

Training and employment skills opportunities for residents

24 Pathways to Employment (P2E) was launched in 2015 to provide training and employment opportunities for residents. So far this year, five residents have been involved in the renovating and repair of a run-down house. Thank God for this.

25 Some of the residents who have engaged with P2E have found it hard to overcome previous lifestyles, particularly where these have been chaotic or very unstructured. Ask God to help them as they start this new chapter in their lives.

26 Pray for more residents to engage and commit to P2E and thank God for this opportunity for us to create exits out of crime for the residents we support.

Box Tree Cottage (Bradford)

Hostel for 17 male ex-offenders and community houses

27 A number of new staff and residents have come to the project – pray for them to settle and integrate quickly.

28 The project has been running an Alpha Express course. Pray that this will be well attended and that through this, residents will choose a personal relationship with Jesus for themselves.

29 Box Tree has taken on some new community houses to help residents as they move on into more independent living in the community. Pray for success in filling these houses and that residents will excel there.

Kainos Community

Delivering 'Challenge to Change' in three prisons

30 Thank God for the Programme Managers who run Challenge to Change (C2C): Lorraine (HMP Haverigg), Jeremy (HMP Ranby) and Jake (HMP Guys Marsh). Ask God to fill them with His wisdom, understanding and strength in all that they do.

31 Praise God for the men who have successfully graduated from C2C – they have made a commitment before loved ones to live crime-free after prison. Ask God to strengthen their resolve so that they go on to do this.

Many thanks for your prayers