

**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 events 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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HELPING PEOPLE TO LIVE CRIME-FREE LIVES

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## Thanks and Praise

**01** Give thanks for a New Year – pray that this will be a time of great change and transformation in the lives of our clients.

**02** Praise God for all the successful Christmas celebrations that we had and for the positive impact this made on clients and staff alike.

## Vision, Direction and Unity

**03** As we enter the New Year, ask God to lead and guide our trustees so that they direct the charity with increased excellence, wisdom and diligence.

**04** Pray that God will bless the Executive Team with increased foresight, strength and passion as they lead Langley and Kainos forward.

**05** Langley and Kainos staff are spread all over the country, working in a range of different projects and prisons. Ask God for increased unity amongst staff despite the physical challenge of being so far apart.

## Ashdene (Wakefield)

*Hostel and houses for 29 male ex-offenders and support for 20 men and women in their own homes*

**06** The staff team are working hard with one very demanding client who has dementia. Many of the clients at Ashdene have high levels of physical and mental health care needs. Ask God to give renewed strength to the staff as they support clients.

**07** Another client is struggling with dementia and health issues. Pray that he will find peace and that his health issues will be resolved.

**08** Some of Ashdene's clients have been moving on to new homes. This can be a difficult and unsettling time. Pray that each move will go smoothly and that clients will settle in well in their new homes.

## Kainos Community

*Delivering 'Challenge to Change' in three prisons*

**09** Drug taking, violence, debt collecting and anarchy has been impacting UK prisons, including in HMP Guys Marsh, HMP Ranby and HMP Haverigg where Challenge to Change runs. Pray for a breakthrough in these areas and that order and safety will be restored.

**10** We have been negotiating with the National Offender Management Service (NOMS) to continue to run Challenge to Change as they are the main funder. Pray for favour and that there will be funding to run the programme in more prisons.

**11** The Executive Team meets today to discuss key areas about the Trust, including business planning for the future. Ask God to lead and to guide them so that they make wise decisions.

## Friends Road (London Project)

*Hostel for 18 male ex-offenders*

**12** Private sector and social housing is in short supply in London which means that clients struggle to find move on accommodation. Pray that more housing will become available so that they can successfully move on.

**13** Pray that God will send the right people to replace two staff members who have left in the last few months. Ask God to strengthen the team in the meantime and pray in particular for the project manager, who is the only full-time staff member.

**14** Pathways to Business was launched last year to help clients set up their own businesses. Clients at Friends Road could potentially benefit from this but they need help to engage. Ask God to open their hearts and minds.

## The Shrubbery (Kent)

*Residential care home for 15 male ex-offenders*

**15** Thank God for the new clients who have been coming into the Shrubbery, which provides specialist support for men with complex mental and physical care needs. Pray that the new clients will settle in well.

**16** One client, JS, has recently moved out of the project to take his next step in living independently. Pray for success as he resettles in the community.

## Senior Managers

**17** Senior managers from across Langley and Kainos will be meeting over the course of the next few days. Pray for productive and fruitful meetings as they work on key issues relating to the Trust, including housing, operations and engaging clients.

**18** Ask God to bless and strengthen the senior management team and to increase the unity among them.

## Longcroft (Lancaster)

*Residential care home and housing support for 14 male ex-offenders*

**19** Pray for improved health for one client, JJ. Pray too for all the clients at Longcroft for good health as many of them struggle with mental health and/or physical issues.

**20** A number of clients are preparing to move on to live in the community. Pray that the preparations will go smoothly and that they will make a successful transition.

**21** A number of staff have faced health issues in recent months. Pray for God's healing and that unity will also increase amongst the team – there have been some challenges of late which have tried to affect team cohesion.

## Homelessness Sunday

**22** Today is Homelessness Sunday which encourages people to connect with homeless people, challenge local politicians to act for change and commit to act. Pray that this will make a big impact in addressing homelessness, which is often a key contributor to crime.

## Park View (Fleetwood)

*Hostel and community houses for 19 male ex-offenders*

**23** Praise God for the absolute miracle of local authority funding being extended for six months until the end of September. The local authority was planning to stop funding for the project as they implement budget cuts.

**24** Park View is remodelling its services so that when local authority funding is cut, it can still continue to provide support to men coming from prison. Pray for stability during this time of transition and pray that new funding avenues will open up.

**25** There have been significant staff changes in the team – with people moving roles and new staff coming in. Pray for cohesion and that God will make them a really close knit team so that they can deliver the best support to clients.

## Murray Lodge (Coventry)

*Hostel and community houses for 29 male ex-offenders and support for male and female ex-offenders in their own homes*

**26** Murray has started several programmes which help clients to learn new skills and improve their employability. These include a bike recycling, catering and gardening programme. Pray that these will flourish and thank God that the catering programme is providing 20 meals a week to vulnerable and isolated people.

**27** The project has been building its connections with local churches, particularly City Mission Church. Ask God to bless and strengthen these connections as they will be a great benefit to the project and clients.

**28** Murray now shares warehouse space with the local foodbank which has allowed us to develop the cycle workshop and other programmes further. Thank God for the opportunity this has also brought for clients to get involved in helping at the food and clothes bank.

**29** Pray for the staff team at Murray – that they will know God's joy as their strength. Pray in particular for Bruce, the Project Manager, as he manages a diverse and busy team.

## New Houses

**30** We are trying to expand our accommodation in Croydon and Northampton and secure 30 new bed spaces by the end of February. Pray for favour for the team members working on this and that there will be many open doors.

**31** Ask God to prepare the hearts of landlords to be receptive to our work so that they will be willing to rent their properties to us.

*Many thanks for your prayers.*