

Langley Centre of Mission

Spring 2022

Simeon writes

What's been happening

Since the last newsletter, the Living Well group has very much so developed. This group has now grown into two separate groups, Living Well men's group and Living Well women's group. The two groups run simultaneously but in different halls of the same building. We come together for the last half hour to worship. My wife leads the women's group along with a couple of female volunteers' whilst I continue to lead the men's group along with a growing team of male volunteers. Two of the volunteers lead us in worship and the group is steadily growing. We have structured the meetings so that the first Friday of the month we gather together men and women to have a café style set up where we eat together, worship and have somebody come to bring a word.



The Living Well group has quickly developed into a worshipping community and now runs fairly easily so the next focus is to disciple the individuals that are new in their faith and continue to love and walk with them. I'm discerning what God is leading me to next and I aim to get another group up and running to see a second worshipping community start to form.

To mention some smaller gatherings that might progress into something more spiritual - I meet with a group of lads that I go to the gym with, I meet with others that I play snooker/pool with and I also meet with a small group that I run with. Each of those groups of men I share my faith with and I encourage them to attend Church or the LW group with me.

One success story is a man that I used to run with - he now professes faith in Jesus, volunteers with us, has a part time job, has stopped using drugs, attends a prayer meeting with me each Wednesday and attends church each Sunday evening.

Val writes

News in brief

- I now run a drop in called CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other) at Langley Library on Wednesday afternoon. We have a small core group who enjoy dominoes and cake.
 - We held an Easter Egg hunt on Good Friday, with 31 children from 14 families attending. Two of the families I had met at both Langley Primary and CAMEO
- We now have a venue and volunteers for the stay and play session.

- Litter picking along the canal continues. Our best haul included 28 bags of rubbish, getting 2 trolleys out with one throw of the grappling hook, a motorbike petrol tank and a pile of carpet
- I have got myself onto the organising committee for the jubilee event in Langley Park. More next time!
- Following an appeal on Facebook for wool for blankets, I have had so much wool donated that I have got the local knit and natter group making baby blankets and hats for premature babies. I am working on baby clothes and we hope to do some twiddle muffs for dementia patients as well.

Loving Hearts

On Valentine's Day I gave out 60 origami hearts to parents as they dropped their children at Langley Primary School. These contained chocolate and a Bible verse letting people know how much God loves them. There were some great conversations and some good connections made



Schools

After a long period of no response from any schools apart from Moat Farm Infants, suddenly the opportunity to engage with Q3 academy came from a very unexpected source - CA fundraising team! I have now met the head, the main sponsor whose vision Q3 was and a group of educationalists visiting the school. I was able to talk to them about the work of CA, discuss possibilities with the head and set up a meeting for when the newly appointed head of RE starts after Easter.

At Moat Farm I was excited to discover that as well as being able to go in to do the Easter assembly it was also the first time they had held a whole school assembly since before lockdown. It was great to be able to share the Easter message in a more interactive way than via a screen. I am hoping to develop this relationship to include some school visits to church.

Coveberry



Despite there being changes to both staff and residents and an outbreak of Covid, the monthly services continue with some new faces coming along. We had great fun making Christingles as we thought about Epiphany and Christ being made known in the world. Eating the sweets that broke also proved popular! We made the most of meeting on Shrove Tuesday, thinking about Lent before having a pancake tossing competition



and of course lots of pancakes were eaten as well. The cross is from our prayer time as we reflected on some of the hard times/places/situations we face. For our Easter service we journeyed through Holy Week and then held an egg hunt in the garden which was great fun

Prayers

Thank you God...

- for the growing group of Living Well
- for the volunteers that God has sent us
- for the man who made a commitment to the Lord
- for opening the door to Q3 academy
- for the venue and volunteers being found for stay and play
- for the support we receive from the library to run CAMEO

Please pray for...

- the next worshipping community to begin to form
- growth, both numerically and spiritually at the Living Well group
- the opportunities that the jubilee event will give us
- the developing work at Q3 academy
- the setting up of stay and play
- health, safety and protection for Val and Simeon as the work in Langley grows
- the opportunity to share with the wider diocese

Financial Support

If you would like to make a regular or one-off gift to support this work please complete and return the form below or visit churcharmy.org/donate

We don't take your support for granted, so thank you so much for standing with us. We would love to hear your news too and to pray for you so please let us know how we can, by emailing val.legg@churcharmy.org or simeon.jarvis@churcharmy.org

Thank you!

Val & Simeon

Sister Val Legg
32 Barnfordhill Cl,
Oldbury,
West Midlands
B68 8ES

Simeon Jarvis
Tel. 07415 769981

Tel. 0121 552 2421



I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT CHURCH ARMY

Langley CENTRE OF MISSION

Please return to Church Army, Wilson Carlile Centre, 50 Cavendish Street, Sheffield, S3 7RZ

Type of donation: One-off* / Regular* (please send me a direct debit)

*delete as appropriate

Amount of donation: £_____ Payment method: Cheque* / Debit card*

Card Number: _____

Valid from: ___ / ___ / ___ Expires end ___ / ___ / ___

Signature _____ Date _____

Gift Aid Declaration: Boost my donation by claiming Gift Aid

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year.

Your address is needed to identify you as a current taxpayer.

giftaid it

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £_____ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to Church Army (please tick)

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Title: _____ Forename: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Please contact me to let me know how I can do more to hear about and support Church Army's work. (please tick)

Tel: _____ Email: _____

Using your personal information - Data Protection

Church Army is committed to processing the personal data you provide us with in a fair, lawful and transparent manner. We will only use your data for the purposes you have provided it for and in line with the consents you have given. We will not share your data with any third parties, except for those acting as our agents. Further details in relation to the data we hold, how that data will be processed and your rights in relation to that data are set out in our privacy notices and our data protection policy which can be found at www.churcharmy.org/dataprotection