

PATHWAY NEWS

The Lodge Trust Monthly Newsletter

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The internationally renowned evangelist Billy Graham died on 21st February 2018. He is said to have preached to over 200 million people in 185 countries, including beyond the Iron Curtain, and in China and North Korea. He was not afraid to defend biblical values or to defy the racial segregation of the time, yet he managed to gain respect and influence across the secular world. He advised several American presidents and had spent time with Winston Churchill and Her Majesty the Queen. He famously paraphrased D.L. Moody, saying, "Someday you will read or hear that Billy Graham is dead. Don't you believe a word of it. I shall be more alive than I am now. I will just have changed my address. I will have gone into the presence of God." This indeed should be the attitude of every Christian, whose earthly life is only the beginning of an everlasting life before God's throne. In spite of this truth, we who are left behind feel a void left in our lives when we lose a Christian friend or relative. And in the case of a prominent pastor, it may be tempting to think, There will never be another one like him, or, We will never see times like that again. Nevertheless, though it is appropriate to delight in God's use of flawed vessels, we must always remember that He is never dependent on them to achieve His will. God's will cannot be thwarted and He will have the earth filled with the knowledge of His glory as waters cover the sea (Habakkuk 2:14). So let us be encouraged and pray that God would raise up more great men in our age.



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Interview with Becky Parker *by Hannah* (Residential Care Support Staff)



What was your background before coming to The Lodge?

I was a volunteer worker and did end-of-life care.

Do you think that experience has been valuable in your role?

Yes, very much so.

How did you first hear about us?

My auntie goes to Vineyard and knows people there who work here, and she thought working here would be good for me.

What are your favourite things about working here?

The faith aspect of it.

What are you looking forward to in your role as a Residential Care Worker?

Getting to know the blue team.

What do you do to unwind outside of work?

I like spending time with friends and family and also walking, drawing and just chilling.

Our External Service Users

“I come to The Lodge 2 days a week. My favourite things to do are baking and woodwork. The Lodge Trust is important to me because I learn new skills and make new friends. If I wasn't able to come to The Lodge Trust, I would be at home by myself and I would feel lonely. I would recommend The Lodge Trust to other people because you can meet new friends the same as me, and the staff help you.” Jonathan

Our External Service Users

We had some feedback recently that highlighted the fact that we don't let you know enough about what our external Service Users get up to. So we thought we would start to put that right. Our external Service Users are individuals that live in the local community and access our Work and Education Services on various days throughout the week. We currently have 14 external Service Users and here is what some of them had to say about The Lodge Trust:

"I come to The Lodge 2 days a week. My favourite things to do are working in the Café, Woodwork, Craft and ASDAN course. I also like to help at the fairs. The Lodge Trust is important to me because I like being with people and learning new skills. If I wasn't able to come to The Lodge Trust, I would be at home all day and I would miss seeing all my friends. I would recommend The Lodge Trust to other people because it is a good place to get working experience." Edward

"I come to The Lodge 2 days a week. I like Woodwork, Gardens, volunteering at the railway and the lunch. If I wasn't able to come to The Lodge Trust, I would be at home. I like The Lodge Trust, it is good."
Nic

"I come to The Lodge 5 days a week. I like Enterprise, Craft, Woodwork, Café, Gardens, seeing friends and making new friends. I like it here—I can do different things. If I wasn't able to come to The Lodge Trust, I would be helped to find somewhere else, as I like to be busy. I would be sad and miss seeing the people here. I would recommend The Lodge Trust to other people because it is pretty, I like the people and there is lots to do." Estelle

Consent to Stay in Contact

This is a reminder to fill in and return your Consent to Stay in Contact form by 25th May if you would still like to receive our newsletter and other information. If you choose not to opt in, your details will be removed from our database.

Coming up

- Family Fun Day! Save the date: the 19th May is our annual Family Fun Day and as it is also the day of the royal wedding, there will be a very British theme to the day. So get your flags ready.
- Learning Disability Awareness Week is in June and after the success of last year's Community Action Week, we would like to do it again. So if you are local to us and know of a community project that would benefit from the help of a team of volunteers from The Lodge Trust, then please get in touch. Thank you.

Prayer Points

- We are thanking God that during the recent snowy weather, our dedicated staff team all pulled together and helped each other to ensure that they all got here safely.
- Please pray for the upcoming Easter break that all our WES staff and Service Users have a restful break, and for our residential staff, that they have a blessed time here at work and at home with their families.

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