

# † LFC In Touch

Hi All,

February 2021

It's been so long since we've all been able to be together, we wanted to let you know that we are still here and care for you, your family and friends.

So, we've put together this LFC In Touch , hope you enjoy it.

Since early last year, it has been said that we are all in the same storm (but not the same boat)-probably a good description of how things are in the pandemic. Freak weather conditions can catch people by surprise and the 'storm' we are going through certainly has done that.

Storms toss vessels back and forth, sending contents flying and putting the crews under real pressure to keep afloat. Added to the threatening conditions are the thunderous roars and lightning's intense flashing.

Some vessels fair better than others, they are made differently and react accordingly, so there is an unequal chance of survival. However, none at all are exempt from the threat of the gigantic waves, dragging and thrusting in unpredictable directions. Boats lurch from the crest of the wave disappearing within seconds to the lowest troughs. Disaster strikes at some, as the vessels succumb to the enemy, capsizing, losing people in the icy cold waters.

Panic and fear set in but those with emotional reserves of fortitude conjure up courage. Adrenaline rushes forth and unexpected strength is found.

Many put their own lives at risk as they reach out to others who are drowning. Their limits go beyond that of normal human endurance in order to save others. Life boats are launched as the brave crew put first those in imminently grave danger.

The little harbour lights twinkle in the distance but as land becomes nearer, the cruel waves beat the vessels back out to sea. The people dream of a refuge from this nightmare, their strength quickly declining.

*Take comfort 'God is our refuge and strength, a tested help in times of trouble'. If you need a life line, pray for it and then trust He'll throw it to you. In the words of the song 'My lighthouse shining in the darkness, I will follow you, I will trust the promise, you will carry me safe to shore'. The beam of light from God our Father never goes out. Take heart.*

## Langley - where I live

*What is Langley to me?*

*A picture in my mind?*

*A place to walk, to drive, to shop,*

*Or meet with friends.*

*The house in which I live,*

*Secure and safe inside?*

*My neighbours, rarely seen, but friends*

*Who care for me.*

*I've only worked*

*In my retirement here,*

*To help in church, and other places dear,*

*For some in need.*

*The things I see are clear,*

*Not obvious to all.*

*But some feel lost, some beaten down*

*With heavy loads.*

*The sum of this for me:*

*To share our load,*

*To smile, to say hello, to cheer*

*Our neighbours on.*

Did you Know..

- that the name Langley means Long Clearing?
- that the heart of Langley, and one of the Slough wards, is called Langley Marish?
- that it is called Marish because the owner of Langley Manor in the 13<sup>th</sup> century was Christiana deMaries
- that St Mary's the Virgin church, its full name, was originally built in the 11<sup>th</sup> century
- that Sir John Kedermister who lived at Langley Park built the library associated with the church and this houses some wonderful historic books? He also built the almshouses in St Mary's Road.
- that much of the east side of Langley was an airfield during and after the war, where many Hawker aeroplanes were built? Later the Ford motor company and then Iveco built commercial vehicles there.



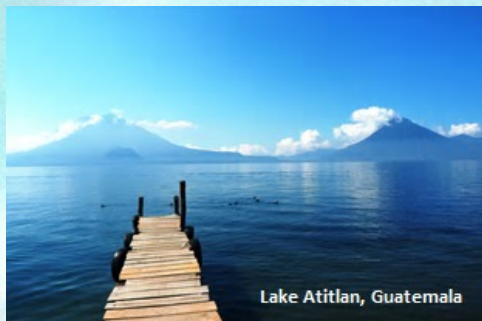


# Geoff and Cesia in Guatemala



*Five years ago, Geoff Baines left his school teaching job in Slough, and us at LFC, to go to Guatemala in South America, as a Christian missionary with Latin Link. While there he met Cesia and they are now married. Currently they are in England for a short while. Geoff is still carrying out some of his work online from his mum's home in Essex. Geoff has sent us this update.*

Since 2017, Cesia has been working with a group of women in a ministry called Connected Hearts to work with female prisoners just outside Guatemala City. They work with 85 women in a penitentiary reform centre. This centre understands the value that faith can bring to those who have lost it through the hardships of life. Every Friday they share biblical reflections, companionship, and love with these women, and they run activities including



Lake Atitlan, Guatemala

discipleship, worship and just take time to pray and talk with them. Although currently they can't go into the centre because of Covid-19, they've been able to help at a distance by recording and sending Bible study videos, sending devotional books, and also fundraising and sending in essentials like shoes and soap. Normally the different prisoners' families would bring them these essentials as the government can't provide them, but due to restrictions the family can't even bring these, so we are privileged to support in this way.

Connected Hearts Team



Geoff teaches in a Bible school called the Ezra centre, which responds to the need for training for church leaders, as fewer than 10% of them have any kind of theological Training. As a teacher and coordinator of their diploma programme, he travels to different parts of Guatemala to give classes in Bible and preaching, while other teachers on the programme give classes in counselling, social responsibility and how to run a church.



Geoff teaching at the Ezra Centre

All of the diplomas within the Ezra Centre place a strong emphasis on social impact; how churches can go outside their four walls and work with a community to improve the standard of living. Some of the graduates from our diploma programmes have started migrant centres, after-school programmes, playgrounds and homeless shelters. The effect the Ezra Centre has on local communities can be felt across rural Guatemala.

## Can you guess the word?

It is a 9 letter word: 123456789

If you lose it you die,

if you have 234 you can 1234.

56 is one type of disease,

89 indicates exact location and time.

These pairs are the same: 2 & 7, 3 & 8, 5 & 9.

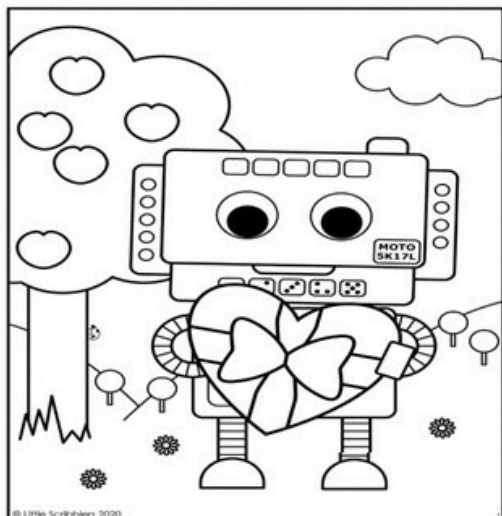
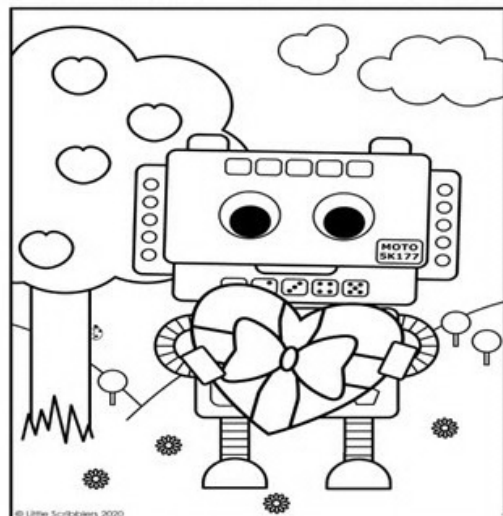


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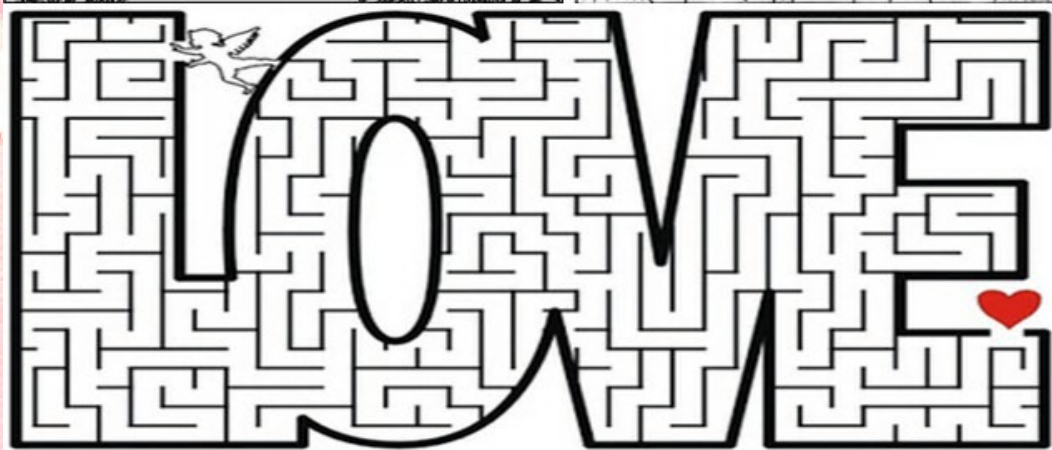
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BREAK AWAY	VALENTINE
CANDLES	ROSES
ETERNAL	LOVE
JEWELLERY	FLOWERS
DINNER	CARDS
HEART	TEDDY
ROMANCE	CHOCOLATES
FILMS	BALLOONS

## FIND THE 12 DIFFERENCES







V	A	L	H
T	N	E	E
I	N	T	A
S	E	S	R

### **Boggler Puzzle**

**How many words of 3 letters or more  
can you find using the letters?**

**Words are formed from adjoining letters and  
you can't use them more than once!**

**Good Luck**

There is no  
fear in love.  
But perfect  
love drives  
out fear

1 John 4:18



## LFC In Touch 'Notices'

Is anything happening at LFC? Yes.

We have an online service each Sunday at 10:30am on Youtube. Just go to Youtube & type in Langley Free Church to access or go to our Facebook page and follow the Link. It is also available throughout the week at [www.langleyfree.org.uk](http://www.langleyfree.org.uk)

Weekly Activities via Zoom:

- Monday Lunch Club
- Wednesday afternoon OASIS fellowship time
- Thursday evening group, currently following a LENT study
- CHATCAF coffee time alternate Saturday mornings

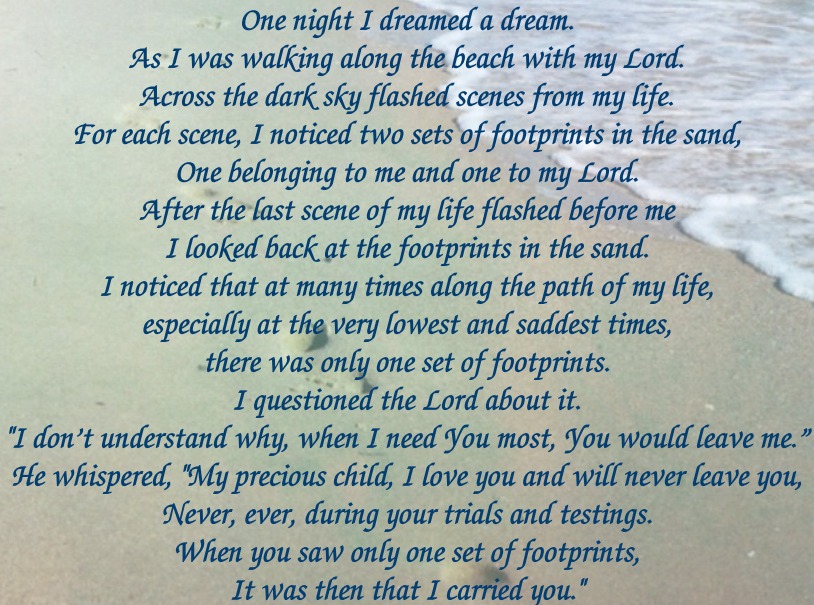
You can also find out about our activities on the website or the Langleyfreechurch Facebook page. If you want to know more about any of these activities contact us at [intouch@langleyfree.org.uk](mailto:intouch@langleyfree.org.uk)

## Message from Pastor John

Hello reader,

I thought it would be good to share with you this well-known poem, that reminds us that whatever we are going through, we are never alone, our God is with us.

### *Footprints in the sand*



*One night I dreamed a dream.  
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.  
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.  
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,  
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.  
After the last scene of my life flashed before me  
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.  
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,  
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,  
there was only one set of footprints.  
I questioned the Lord about it.  
"I don't understand why, when I need You most, You would leave me."  
He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you,  
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.  
When you saw only one set of footprints,  
It was then that I carried you."*

*(Margaret Fishback Powers version, 1964)*

*"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."*

*Deuteronomy 31:6*

On behalf of your brothers and sisters at Langley Free I wish you all Christ's richest Blessings

Pastor John

# A Prayer for our times.

Dear Heavenly Father,

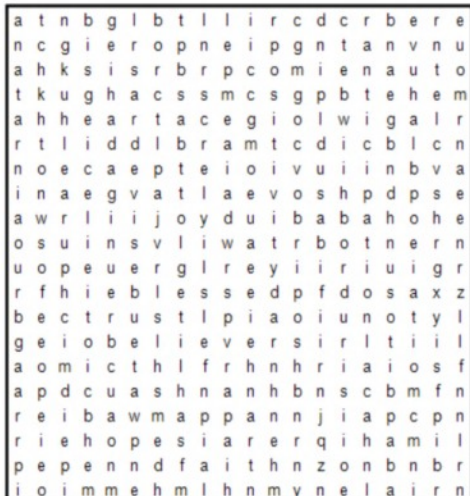
Be with me as I walk through this. Give me your peace of mind and calm my troubled heart. My soul is like a turbulent sea. I am concerned about what is happening in my life and in this world. I can't seem to find my balance so I stumble and worry constantly. Give me the strength and clarity of mind to find my purpose in today and walk the path you've laid out for me.

In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

## Wordsearch

### Word List

anticipation  
blessed  
heart  
peace  
aspire  
bright  
hope  
positivity  
beautiful  
certain  
joy  
trust  
believe  
faith  
love



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## A Blessing

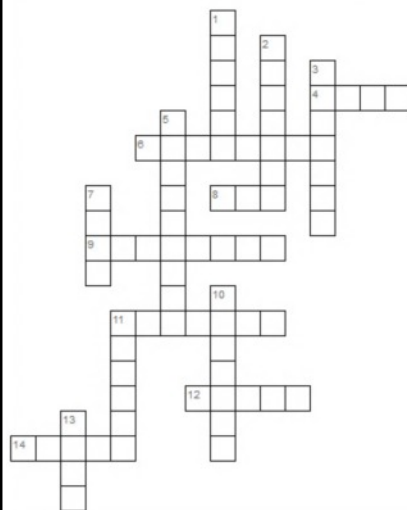
*God bless all those I love;  
God bless all those that  
love me;*

*God bless all those that love  
those that I love;  
And all those that love those  
that love me.*

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you can let us know by  
sending us an email.

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edition email us at  
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## Crossword



### Across

- 4 Strong affection
- 6 Giving, benevolent
- 8 Happiness
- 9 Certain
- 11 Accept as true
- 12 Unshakeable belief
- 14 Pumping organ

### Down

- 1 Ambition
- 2 In tune
- 3 Fortunate
- 5 Very pretty
- 7 Confidence in the future
- 10 Sure
- 11 Vivid
- 13 Serene