



We're creating church for a new generation. Will you join us?

The Story so far.....

Three years ago God gave a clear vision to reach out into the community of Crosby in North Liverpool through a coffee shop and a new expression of church. Two years ago a group of new Christians were meeting in a home. One year ago, with the help of St Luke's Crosby, the coffee shop opened. Six months ago a congregation started gathering in that coffee shop. Today the StoryHouse Barista Evangelists serve around 150 people each day, the café also hosts a weekly pre-schoolers storytime session, numerous community groups and a small but growing church meeting every Sunday afternoon for food and worship. Now we need your help. Dave and Lizzie Lowrie were able to found StoryHouse because Dave was training as a Pioneer Minister in the Church of England, but this training is now ending. With your support Dave and Lizzie can continue to build StoryHouse into a self-sustaining and vibrant expression of church.



HOW TO HELP

In order to continue the work of StoryHouse we need your help. We need people who are willing to give a regular monthly amount over so that Dave and Lizzie can continue to develop the mission and congregation at StoryHouse. [Visit our donations page to start giving.](#)

The last couple of years have been spent building solid foundations and we're now able to start putting into action all the creative mission ideas we've had over the years and from what God's been showing us about the specific needs and questions of this community. For example, this January and February we're running a course we created called Story of Your Life. Designed as a pre-Alpha event, it is a 6-week course exploring what makes a good story and applying these principles to your life. The level of interest in this course from non-Christians has confirmed to us that this generation are searching for meaning and purpose and that it takes new approaches to meet them at this point of need. A few months ago, six of us started meeting as StoryHouse Sundays, today there are 18 of us (including babies) and we're starting to find our shape as a community. As a small community of mature Christians and new Christians from four months to 40 years old, we have a unique and exciting opportunity to do church in a way that is more accessible for those who aren't currently connecting with traditional expressions of church. Our vision is for even more young adults to come to faith as this is a demographic the UK church tends to struggle to reach. We will do this through our daily presence in the community, deepening spiritual formation in our midweek groups and our gathering for food and worship on Sundays.

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In order to make this possible we're looking to support Dave and Lizzie through crowdfunding. This would mean lots of people committed to giving a regular donation through StoryHouse. This giving supports mission at home in the same way that missionaries are supported overseas. So far we've secured grants from Catalyst and the Joshua Centre in partnership with Liverpool Diocese and St Luke's church are continuing to pay for Dave and Lizzie's housing for another year. Whilst these are an enormous help they don't get us close to the target of funding full-time oversight. We have conducted a thorough grant search and will continue to do so, however it is doubtful we will receive money towards a salary because of our evangelistic aims. But if you know of any grants we would qualify for, do let us know. After a year of trading we're really thankful that the coffee shop is self-sustaining, however it will never produce a significant surplus towards the other mission and church activities. Our aim is that in four years' time StoryHouse Sundays will be giving enough to support at least a part-time leader but for now, we need your help. We're looking for people who will commit to giving monthly over the next four years and as StoryHouse is a charity, if you donate through Gift Aid we get an extra 25% on top of your donation.

This Beautiful Mug Could Be Yours

When you sign up as a regular supporter we will send you regular newsletter, sharing the stories of what's happening, future plans and prayer requests. You'll also receive an invite to an annual supporters' party, your very own StoryHouse mug (if you commit to giving £20 or more a month) and a voucher for free coffee and cake (just like John Lewis).

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If you have any questions then drop us an email: dave@storyhouse.community

Thank you for your prayers and support,
With Love from Everyone at StoryHouse