

Letter to Sam Richardson, SPCK



Dear Sam,

It was a pleasure to meet you and Alister albeit briefly at the CRE event last Wednesday. I am enclosing a small cheque in return for your tea-bag and biscuits. Your names I found in your excellent accompanying pamphlet.

God knows why but I am writing to you on the penultimate piece of writing paper that I sourced in Eilat back in 1992. It was me that joked 'tongue-in-cheekily' with Alister about Southwark being a finer cathedral than Durham although of course we do not have a bend in our river – and then I hope I handed you one of the enclosed leaflets about Being Alongside / APCMH the charity with which I am involved.

We very much hope to get our act together in time to participate in the CRE South event near Southampton on 27th November – we will struggle to produce enough promotional material by then, but will try. There didn't seem to be any stalls up at Manchester with a particular 'mental health' flavour so I feel there is a place for us.

One of my tasks at present (as new chairman) is to develop a codicil template for people's wills which seems a good way to fund-raise in the future. Look at the work that Smiths' Charities are now able to fund for example – their original benefactors are named in All Saints Church in Wandsworth. I was wondering if [SPCK](#) had any documentation regarding wills and codicils that I could peruse ? Please send any stuff you have to the address overleaf – thanks.

I shall be passing on extracts from your 'Tea Break with SPCK'

brochure to Johnny Cameron who is working with prisoners and ex-offenders after his bad times at RBS and the 'History and honey cakes' article will be of interest to my friend Stuart Hall who has recently learned that one of his ancestors was the vicar on the Mayflower.

Stuart is helping me with my 'blog', www.shirtyletters.com.

Please have a look – first perhaps at the two tabs top right, 'About Shirty Letters' and 'About the Author'; then have a browse around the categories. Being Alongside / APCMH gets much mention.

Once again, very good to meet yourself and Alister and I hope we can cross our paths again soonest,

Yours in Christ,

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Dear Jamie

Thank you so much for your letter and the £20.00 gift towards SPCK's core costs which I was delighted to receive recently.

It was a great pleasure to meet you too at the CRE North event and to hear about your work to support those with mental or emotional difficulties. Tackling mental health is such an important issue and I look forward to reading your leaflets on pastoral care and the Being Alongside association in due course.

Concerning your query about wills and codicils, unfortunately, we do not at present have any relevant documentation as we are currently in the process of updating SPCK's literature on legacy fundraising. However, please do have a look at our website (<http://www.spck.org.uk/support-us/legacies>) or contact Primavera Quantrill, our Fundraising and Programmes Director, on 020 7592 3911 who would be very happy to assist you with this matter.

Additionally, thank you for kindly passing on our Teabreak magazine. In particular, we are always looking for new ways to develop our Prison Fiction programme (<http://www.spck.org.uk/prison-fiction/>) and would be extremely interested to hear more from Johnny Cameron about his work with prisoners and ex-offenders.

Thank you again for your generous donation. I wish you all the best in your new role as Chairman and with your other numerous endeavours.

Please keep us in your prayers and I hope to see you again soon.

Best wishes

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