



Joel Community Trust

Offering homeless people sanctuary, friendship & spiritual refreshment



"Thanks to the generosity of our Gideons and other donors, we've broken through the £200,000 mark in our bid to build a permanent night shelter and support centre for homeless people in Kingston. We are now set to start building work on the purpose-built centre in 2014.

But the great news is that work could start as early as this Autumn on a transitional phase to create 3 dorms for 10 people in the Main Hall, which will be shortly be vacant. Plans include erecting temporary partition walls and building permanent shower blocks on the ground floor as well as putting on a new roof.

I'm just thrilled that we are rapidly reaching our goal of housing homeless people all year round, but we need your continued support. Hopefully some of the fundraising ideas in this edition of the newsletter will give our supporters some food for thought! Thanks to websites like Justgiving.com it's never been easier to raise money for organisations such as Joel, who are committed to transforming the lives of some of the most vulnerable people in our community."

Peter Holmes, Chair of the Trustees.

"...share your food with the hungry and provide the poor wanderer with shelter..."
Isaiah 58: 6-7

Tamil Ladies Do Lunch!

A group of ladies from the Tamil Hindu Temple in Merton have joined forces to cook up and serve some delicious curries at the Great Feast, held each Wednesday lunchtime at St Peter's. One of the ladies, Kala Sivakumaran said, "We really love the atmosphere at the Great Feast and are so impressed with the big effort made to get homeless people off the streets."

Peter Holmes said, "We are so blessed to be supported in this way by the ladies from Merton Temple. There is always a long queue for their wonderful dishes! We are also treated once a month to some fantastic Chinese food from the Finesse Chinese Restaurant in central Kingston. A huge thank you to them for their support too!"

Zumba Half Marathon!



Joel's Communications Officer Sue Cole raised more than £750 for Joel by teaching a 2 hour, non-stop Zumba class in Claygate on 27th April. Sue, who is a Zumba

Instructor said, "It was tough but we had a lot of fun and I worked out that it was the equivalent of running half a marathon!" She added, "It was so simple to set up a fundraising page for Joel on the Justgiving website. What's more it made it really easy for people to donate, which, I'm sure made them dig even deeper than usual!"

Why not hold your own sponsored event for Joel using the Just Giving website to take all the hassle out of fundraising! Simply visit www.justgiving.com/joelcommunitytrust and click on 'Make a page'. It's really easy!

Brewing up support for Joel!

Carol Holmes held a Tea party with crafts on 8th March, raising a fantastic £2,350 (including Gideon money) for the Joel Community Trust.

Carol sews crafts and teaches extra lessons to supplement her Gideon pledge. We are deeply grateful for her commitment and creative energy!



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Joel's target

We aim to build a permanent centre for homeless people in Kingston, including a **14-bed Night Shelter** for

around 160 'guests' each year; improving their personal safety, physical and spiritual well-being, helping secure longer-term housing, creating a Life Skills and advice centre and reducing social isolation by being part of a nurturing Christian community. We are looking to raise an initial £600,000 to complete Phase 1 of the project. Please visit our website for more details:

www.joelcommunitytrust.org.uk

Leaving a gift in your will

At the Joel Community Trust we believe everyone is entitled to food, friendship, shelter and a means of earning



their own livelihood. We're talking about people who are living impoverished lives here in the Kingston Borough, not in the developing world!

A gift in your will to the Joel Community Trust would have a huge impact; transforming the lives of hundreds of deeply deprived and vulnerable people in the Borough each year. Please contact Becky Mills for more details: **T:0208 546 3212 or emailbeckymills@joelcommunitytrust.org.uk**

How local Churches can help

It would be fantastic if local churches could put on fundraising events and sponsored challenges for us. We are registered on www.justgiving.com so it is incredibly easy to raise money on-line.

Alternatively, if anyone were willing to offer an interest-free loan towards the first phase of the capital project, then we would be deeply grateful.

Just the price of 2 coffees!

We are asking people to pledge **£15 a month** (plus gift aid) to help us towards our goal. That's just the cost of a couple of bought coffees each week! What's more, if you are a UK tax player we can reclaim and extra 25p for each £1 donated!

If you wish to support us please fill out the forms below and return to **The Joel Community Trust, St Peter's Church, London Rd, Kingston, Surrey KT2 6QL. For more details contact Becky Mills on T: 020 8546 3212 or email: beckymills@joelcommunitytrust.org.uk**

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Kingston upon
Thames
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For the credit of: The Joel Community
Trust

Bank details: Account Number:
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Commencing on ___/___/___ and thereafter on
the: ___ day of the month until further notice and debit
my account accordingly:

The sum of: In words also:

Your bank address:

Name of Account to be debited: _____

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Gift Aid It!

I want any donations I make now and in the future to be Gift Aided until I notify you otherwise. (You must pay an amount of UK Income/Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax Joel Community Trust reclaims on your donation). Signed _____

Title _____ Forename _____

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