

Joel Community Trust

Food Friendship and Shelter



All year round Night Shelter up and running by December!!!

'Partitions are going up in the Church Hall at St Peter's and soon we will see kitchen, living and dining area, utility room, toilet and shower blocks and three dormitories to sleep 10 people taking shape! But don't worry there will be room for an overspill of several more! We are incredibly excited at the Joel Office that three years after our launch, thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we have enough funds to build a **transitional arrangement** so that we can offer shelter to the

homeless of Kingston ALL YEAR ROUND!! For those familiar with the present layout at St Peter's: the new Night Shelter is at the north end, nearest the Church, and we will be building a more permanent facility at the south end as and when the money becomes available. We thank God for blessing the work and we pray that the harvest will increase and we will be able to continue onto the next phase of the project: a permanent Night Shelter when the timing is right.'

Peter Holmes, Chair of the Trustees.

"...share your food with the hungry and provide the poor wanderer with shelter..."

Isaiah 58: 6-7

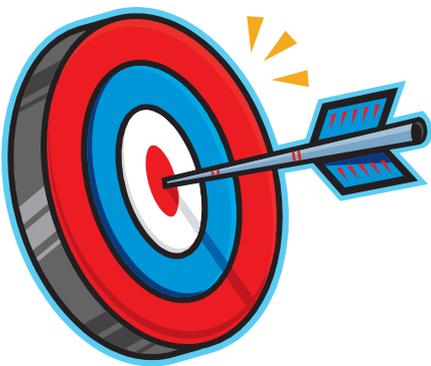
Dan Wheeler delivers on resilience!

There have been a number of tragic premature deaths recently among our guests at the Great Feast and clients known to us from KCAH (30 over the past few years) They had managed to sort out a number of issues with their addictions and their family relationships before they died, but with more intensive help, this could have been avoided. The latest research shows that surviving desperate times without being deeply damaged depends on four things: self-esteem, motivation, inner life and self-discipline. 'Resilience' is very much a buzz word in public policy, but we believe that genuine resilience can only develop within the context of the faith, hope and love offered in Jesus.

We have recruited a Pastoral Worker to design and deliver a course which will help vulnerable people build resilience over the next few months. Dan Wheeler is the man we have appointed for the job. Dan is someone with a huge amount of passion and energy and lots of relevant experience with running health centres and rehabilitation centres for homeless people and those suffering from damaging addictions. We have every confidence that with God's help we will see this initiative bear much fruit.

Joel Community Fair Oct 12th at St Peter's Church 10.30am-2.30pm. Cheap chic, vintage bric a brac, vegetarian delicacies, cakes, raffle, auction to raise money for fittings and furnishings for the transitional Night Shelter for homeless people.

Grand Opening of New Shelter 23rd November!



Please come and support our opening on Saturday 23rd November in the church hall at St Peter's 3.00-5pm and see what your money has been

able to achieve so far! All are welcome-many of you have supported us in other ways.

We are very proud of our new facility for homeless people that is currently taking shape. Some loyal Joel supporters have been exercising their creative skills to produce lots of craft products which will be on sale at our opening on November 23rd and there will be an auction of two patchwork quilts. Do come along and buy some early Christmas presents from our beautiful hand-crafted gifts!! We look forward to showing off our new facility!!

Landlords denied re-possession of their own home!

Geraldine and Darrel Woolley were made redundant over a year ago and decided letting their house in Ashford, Kent, to cover the mortgage repayments, was the only option. They accepted a lump-sum payment of rent for a year. They have been staying with relatives in Hounslow, but sadly relationships broke down and they now find themselves homeless on the streets of Kingston, where they

have one or two good friends. They are getting no rent for their property and their tenants have been advised to stay until a re-possession order has been served, which could take 3-5 months. They registered for JSA on 16th August, which was the earliest they were allowed to do so as their rent was classed as income, though it only just covered mortgage expenses! Geraldine and Darrel have been caught in the homeless trap like so many other people. They both were impressed with the 'goodness and kindness offered at St Peter's'

and the helpfulness of Georgie at KCAH. They have been able to sleep on the floor of the Church Hall, but unfortunately they have to brave the wet weather and be picked up at night by Street Link in Hounslow on two occasions to verify their homeless status before anything else can be done locally. Both are in their fifties with health problems. Please help us to help people like Geraldine and Darrel!



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Furnishing hope!

Could you help us furnish the 'transitional' Night Shelter?

A donation of:

£5.50 would pay for a 12 piece set of cutlery

£25.00 would pay for a bedside table

£60.00 would pay for a mattress

£160.00 would pay for a tumble drier

£300.00 would pay for a washing machine.

If you would like to support us please make cheques payable to 'The Joel Community Trust' and mail to: **The Joel Community Trust, St Peter's Church, London Rd, Kingston, Surrey KT2 6QL.**

Pressing on to achieve the goal!

I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:14)

Though we are thrilled that enough money has been raised to fund the transitional phase of the permanent Night Shelter, we mustn't lose sight of our calling, our ultimate goal which is building a permanent Night Shelter, Life Skills Development Centre and purpose built accommodation for KCAH all

on the site at St Peter's Church. New accommodation for KCAH will give the staff there and clients the dignity they all deserve. A Life Skills Development Centre is vital to the well-being of our guests. The work will enable our guests to break the cycle of homelessness and joblessness. Creativity and industry is crucial for self-esteem. We know our project is ambitious, but we are convinced that God is in it. So far he has blessed the work abundantly! 122 Gideons and individual donations have brought in £6,600 a month in

the first half of 2013. We are immensely grateful for all your hard work and commitment. Please continue to pray and support us by organising fundraising events in your churches (cake/plant/craft sales etc.) or sponsored events encouraging family and friends to dig deep into their pockets for homeless and vulnerable people on their doorstep. It is so easy to set up a fundraising page for friends to support anywhere in this country or abroad with justgiving! THANK YOU!