



# Joel Community Trust

Offering homeless people sanctuary, friendship & spiritual refreshment



"2012 has been an exciting year for the Joel Community Trust. In March we

received planning permission to build a purpose-built centre for homeless and vulnerable people here at St Peter's, Norbiton. We are now going through the process of engaging a quantity surveyor and possibly a project manager to move the project forward. We have over 90 Gideons and we have raised £175,965 in pledges and donations, as we go to print. However, we need to raise a further £350,000 to make us an

attractive investment prospect to grant-making bodies! As you know, our project is crucial for those people who are still rough sleeping or sofa surfing. 175 homeless people have used the Shelter since its inception in 2009-10 (equivalent of a 12 month period) We don't just want to give homeless people a roof over their heads, food and friendship, we want to help them out of homelessness for good".  
**Peter Holmes, Chair of the Trustees.**

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

## An Early Christmas Present!!!

Christmas arrived early at the Great Feast on Wednesday 28th November. A team from John Lewis turned up to cook a glorious Christmas dinner for our guests at the Great Feast, a weekly event to support homeless and vulnerable people.



## Ongoing Project Work

Daniel Wheeler is Activities Coordinator at KCAH, Joel's partner organisation which supports homeless people through advice, temporary accommodation, referrals to appropriate agencies for help and project work. Dan's remit includes reaching out to homeless people on



the streets, "Basically I go around in the early morning, offering sleeping bags and cups of tea before referring people to the relevant services. But I've also been coordinating five-a-side football,

basketball, gardening and painting projects, barbeques, cooking, and using computers." Another aspect of Dan's work has been tenancy sustainment. "Myself and other staff and clients have been able to help vulnerable people in their homes by spring cleaning and decorating extremely poorly maintained flats or gardens." He added, "These activities relieve boredom and engender a sense of purpose. For clients, this can often be the first step in getting back to normal life. It gives them something to look forward to, and is a welcome alternative to substance misuse." For further information contact Dan at:

**[daniel.w@kcah.org.uk](mailto:daniel.w@kcah.org.uk)**

**We'd like to thank John Lewis as well as Bausch and Lomb for their ongoing support, cooking and serving lovely hot meals at the Great Feast each Wednesday!**

## Please Pray for....

People who are sleeping rough or sofa surfing in the Kingston Borough this Winter. Also for the 14 churches trying to support them through the KCAH Winter Night Shelter Scheme.



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**Our Plans** The brand new homeless centre will include a **14 bedroom Night Shelter** providing support for around 160 'guests' each year; improving their personal safety, physical and spiritual well-being, helping secure longer-term housing and reducing social isolation by being part of a nurturing Christian community.

**Our Goal** In order to kick-start building work on the centre we are looking to raise £800,000 for Phase 1 of the project. This involves completely refurbishing and extending the current church hall to create the 14 bedroom Night Shelter with church offices on the first floor.

**Just the price of 2 bought coffees!**

We are asking people to pledge **£15 a month** (plus gift aid) to help us towards our goal. Just the cost of a couple of bought coffees each week!

**If you wish to support us, please fill out the pledge form opposite. If you are a UK tax player we can reclaim 25p for each £1 donated so please complete the gift aid form below.**

**How the Churches can help** It would be fantastic if local churches could put on fundraising events and sponsored challenges for us. We are registered on justgiving (www.justgiving.com) so it is incredibly easy to raise money on-line. If anyone were willing to offer an interest-free loan towards the first phase of the capital project, then we would be deeply grateful. Lastly, please remember the Joel Community Trust when making your will.

**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).

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**Standing Order Mandate**

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**This standing order Mandate supersedes all previous standing orders to the Joel Community Trust UK Registered Charity number: 2503030**

**Please return the standing order mandate and gift aid form to 'The Gideon Factor', The Joel Community Trust, St Peter's Church, London Rd, Kingston, Surrey KT2 6QL or ring Becky Mills on 020 8546 3212 or 07946610636 or email beckymills@joelcommunitytrust.org.uk for further information.**