

# Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness

DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



Wishing all our guests and supporters a Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year

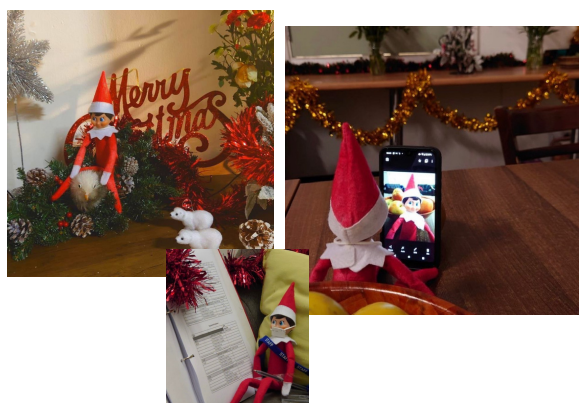
## JOEL'S FIRST CHRISTMAS

After reopening as a stabilisation centre for people who've been homeless and face issues with drugs and alcohol nine months ago, the Joel Centre is celebrating its first Christmas in style. For most residents, it's their first proper Christmas 'at home' for many years. One resident simply said, "This Christmas I'm going to be safe." Another resident commented, "I've been in supported accommodation before, but this Christmas feels different, I feel part of a community, a family."

*"This Christmas, I'm going to be safe."*

Joel Resident

Joel Manager, Kat Greenwood is delighted with the progress that the residents have made since coming to live at Joel. To celebrate the festive season, they have been creating Christmas hampers filled with handmade gifts to send to family and friends. Visit [www.kcah.org.uk](http://www.kcah.org.uk) to hear more from Kat about the Christmas hampers and how they will play an important role in helping rebuild relationships, as a part of the recovery journey.



*The Joel Centre's latest resident, Noddy the Elf, has been keeping residents and staff on their toes over the festive period; playing 'flour angels,' taking selfies with staff phones and hitching a ride on the Christmas decorations!*



## Finalists in KBBA

We are incredibly proud and humbled to be Finalists in the 'Contribution to the Community' category at the Kingston Borough Business Awards this year. We are so pleased that the outstanding effort by our frontline team in the last year has been recognised. Thank you to every guest, client, staff member, volunteer, partner agency and supporter for getting us through a year like no other. The winner of the category will be announced in March 2022.




**BE A #CHANGEMAKER**  
*This Christmas & beyond!*

from just  
**£12**  
a month

A regular gift of just £12 a month, can help give someone the chance to rebuild their lives and fulfill their true potential



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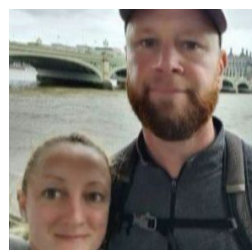
You can also visit our website, [www.kcah.org.uk](http://www.kcah.org.uk) and click on 'Be a #ChangeMaker this Christmas'

Everyone who comes to us for help and support deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. Whether they come to stay as a resident at the Joel Centre or visit our drop-in advice clinic, we aim to find lasting solutions that end the cycle of homelessness. You can support our work by setting up a regular donation or give a one-off, much needed, contribution.



## Thank you

Thank you to all supporters, local organisations and schools for making donations in the lead-up to Christmas to KCAH and the people we serve! We are so grateful for you all. Here is the beautiful Christmas tree donated to us by Coffee On the Corner in Surbiton.



## Fundraise for KCAH in 2022?

This year the fantastic Ed and Lucy (pictured) took on the 50K Thames Path Challenge, raising money for KCAH. Are you tempted to do something similar in aid of our work? If you do, please get in touch with Camilla on [camilla.w@kcah.org.org](mailto:camilla.w@kcah.org.org). We would love to hear from you and we thank Ed and Lucy for absolutely smashing their challenge and raising much needed funds toward our work with some of the most vulnerable people in our borough.

## please pray for...

Those alone or isolating over Christmas  
Those mourning the loss of a loved one  
Those anxious and worried about the rising cost of living and housing  
Winter provision for those sleeping rough and those in unsafe housing  
For our guests and staff as we keep our Joel doors open throughout Christmas



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