



Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness

November 2016
Starting Afresh

Bringing hope and support to homeless people in Kingston

We are moving

KCAH's current offices at 36a Fife Road, Kingston, will close at 5pm on Wednesday 30 November.

KCAH will then be closed from Thursday 1 December until Wednesday 7 December.

We will re-open at our new offices at St Peter's on Thursday 8 December.

Our new address will be St Peter's Church, London Road, Kingston Upon Thames, Surrey, KT2 6QL.

Our general telephone number (to contact all staff) will be 020 8255 7400



St Peter's Church is on the corner of London Road and Cambridge Road, Norbiton.



Work is almost complete on the new KCAH offices where we will operate alongside the Joel Community Services' 14-bed Night Shelter.

Opening Ceremony

Joel Community Services and KCAH are jointly organising an Opening Ceremony for the extended building on Saturday 18 March 2017 12.30—2pm. Invitations will be distributed in January.

Annual Review 2015-16

A copy of our 2015-16 Annual Review is enclosed for everyone receiving this newsletter by post (with the exception of those people who collected a copy at our AGM). Copies should also be available in every church that is on our mailing list. **If you would like further copies, please us know.**

Your prayers are asked for:

- *People sleeping rough in the cold winter months*
- *A smooth office move to St Peter's Norbiton*
- *Preparations for the 2017 Winter Night Shelter*

Communicating with You

If your contact details have changed, you wish to be removed from our mailing list, or you would prefer to receive our newsletter by email, please let us know.

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Can you spare an hour to collect?

We urgently need more people willing to hold a collecting tin or bucket on:

- **Monday 5 December** between 11am and 5pm during the Rotary Club Christmas Appeal for KCAH outside the Bentall Centre.
- **Friday 9 December** at Surbiton train station.

Musicians, singers and Santas (costume provided!) are also needed.

Offers to Nigel Spalding on 07445 896 835 (up to 8 Dec) or nigel.s@kcah.org.uk

Winter Night Shelter 2017

Following on from the successful pilot scheme in February, working with the more entrenched rough sleepers in Kingston, a similar Shelter will be run again in 2017.

The Shelter is scheduled to run from Wednesday 1 February to Wednesday 15 March and will be provided at: All Saints (supported by Surbiton Community Church), St John's New Malden, John Bunyan Baptist, Christ Church New Malden, New Malden Baptist, The Well (Surbiton New Life) and St Mark's Surbiton.

We may need an additional team of volunteers or individual volunteers to help run the Shelter on Saturdays and Sundays. If you are interested in helping, please see our website www.kcah.org.uk for details or contact Rachel Makin via kingstonchurchesnightshelter@yahoo.co.uk.

Financial donations to help cover the cost of the Shelter (around £10k) are also welcome.

There is a report on the 2016 Night Shelter on our website www.kcah.org.uk.

Buying new socks?

Jolly Socks, a newish Christian social enterprise is selling good quality and stylish socks. For every pair you buy they will give a pair to a local homeless shelter. Place your order at www.jolliegoods.com

Quiz Evening Saturday 11 February

Tickets @ £12 are now available for this event which will be held at St Paul's Church, north Kingston, starting at 6.45pm. The price includes light supper and drinks, alcoholic and non-alcoholic, will be available for purchase.

Ticket requests to Nigel Spalding 020 8255 7400 (from 8 Dec) or nigel.s@kcah.org.uk

AGM and Board Membership

There were tears in the eyes of some of the 50 people present at our AGM on 20 October when two of our clients—Adam and Gary—spoke about their experience of being homeless and of being helped by KCAH and other agencies. You can see videos of what they had to say on our website www.kcah.org.uk —see 'Watch these Videos!'

Three new board members were appointed: Hilary Orton, Ruth Thompson and Des Kay. Those who stood down in 2016 are David Kirby, Roger Boulton, Tariq Shabeer and Ed Mooney. Our thanks for their invaluable contribution

Music Extravaganza

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Music Extravaganza on Thursday 17 November at All Saints Parish Church. Tickets sold out two weeks before the event and initial calculations show the event raised around £1800. Here are just some of the pics on our Facebook page.

