



The Cellar Café Newsletter Winter 2016-17

The staff, volunteers and trustees of **The Cellar** would like to wish you a very **Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year**. Our **Christmas appeal** is well under way and we are very grateful for all donations of seasonal food, gifts, money and vouchers. This year we expect to distribute even more Christmas parcels to individuals and families in the Godalming area. Your donations for parcels are much appreciated and brighten the lives of children, teenagers and adults of all ages at Christmastime. To many of our customers and contacts **The Cellar** is their lifeline and perhaps the only family they know. *Thank you so much for your support!*



All are welcome to join **The Cellar Christmas Social** at **Godalming Baptist Church**, Queen Street, on **Wednesday 21st December**. Drop in between **10am and 2pm** for carols, readings, fellowship, and a bring and share lunch.

This year **The Cellar Christmas meal** will be at the **Red Rose Indian restaurant**, 2 Bellfields Road, Guildford, GU1 1QG on **Tuesday 20th December at 7pm**. This is a popular restaurant with good reviews and reasonable prices. Please let Debbie know at The Cellar if you would like to come by **Thursday 1st December**.



Christmas wreaths

with fresh foliage and natural decorations are being created again this year by Cellar friends.

They are made on a 20cm oasis base and can also be used as table decorations. You can order one to be delivered to your home on the date of your choice for **only £15**. Contact **The Cellar** or jackybeale@hotmail.com
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The wreaths were very popular last year; please order by December 16th at the latest, and tell your friends. They are made from evergreen leaves and decorated with dried orange slices, cinnamon sticks and fir cones. If you have evergreen shrubs or small trees that we could prune a little, please get in touch.

If you would like to come along to help make the wreaths, drop in to the River Room at **Godalming United Church** on Bridge Road on **Wednesday 7th December** and **Monday 12th December between 12 noon and 7pm**. Also **Wednesday 14th December between 12noon and 4pm**, when we are very privileged to have staff from **Waitrose** coming to help us as well. No artistic talent is required and we will show you what to do. The wreath making has proved to be a successful fundraiser for **The Cellar** as well as a fun group activity. You can also buy a wreath outside **The Cellar** on **Saturday 26th November** during the Godalming Christmas Fair.



As you can see, **The Cellar** recently received a huge cheque for £1,000 from **Prime Place and Willmot Dixon**, the developers of the housing on Flambard Way. Nina Fitzgerald, senior sales manager at Prime Place, said; “**The Cellar** is at the heart of Godalming’s community and does a wonderful job of supporting vulnerable local people.” On the same day a cheque for £500 was presented by Joy Poulter from **Golo**, the Godalming lottery, which has kindly supported **The Cellar** for many years at Christmas time. We are also grateful to **Godalming Probus** for a generous grant recently received.

Thank you again!

The Cellar will be one of the charities in the Godalming **Waitrose Community Matters** scheme in **December**. Don’t forget to pick up your green token and pop it in **The Cellar** slot. Christmas food can also be donated instore.



Please remember if you are shopping online, or even booking a holiday, changing utility provider, or buying insurance, that you can raise funds for **The Cellar** by registering with www.easyfundraising.org . Choose **The Cellar** in the Support section. You are then linked to hundreds of online shops, including Amazon and ebay , to make your purchases in the usual way. The company donates a small percentage to **The Cellar**, and it doesn’t cost you a penny extra. It’s very simple to use, with just a few extra clicks of the mouse, and the donations soon add up! If you’re using Google to search for an item, put it in the basket and then go to easyfundraising to pay at the online shop. If you persuade someone else to subscribe, there is an extra donation. Even if you don’t shop online, please mention easyfundraising to others who might use it. It’s an easy way to raise funds for **The Cellar**.

Volunteers are always needed at The Cellar to fill in gaps in the rota and to be available to cover for absences. If you feel you can support Debbie and Emma in any way, please phone The Cellar or come in and have a chat.

The Upper Room at The Cellar can be used free of charge daytime or evenings by qualified or trainee counsellors who can provide affordable or free counselling or for meetings of a charity or support group.



Jottings Christmas is coming! As we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Prince of Peace, we approach the end of a year full of changes and challenges. We have agonised over the future of Europe and grieved with victims of war and natural disasters. Some of us may have lost a dear person close to us, and are facing a poignant Christmas with a loved one. Others may be celebrating in a new home or with a precious new addition to their family. And some will spend Christmas alone, in poverty or homeless.

Whatever our situation, let us make time to pause and come to the manger, and worship the Son of God, who was born into a harsh world, for us – to share our suffering humanity and bring us closer to God.

“Glory be to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men ” Luke 2 v 14 Jo H.

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