



# CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2022



The symbol of the Camino de Santiago



## In aid of GODALMING'S CELLAR CAMINO CAFE

### *41 Years of Service*

*We are a café in the centre of Godalming in Surrey which is open to everyone, with the principle objective of providing a caring and friendly meeting place for disadvantaged and vulnerable people in the community.*

*Everyone is welcome without discrimination or judgement, and the cost of food and drink is kept at an affordable level.*

Dear Friends,

It seems like we have been in our 'new' Café forever, but it has only been a couple of years since we moved from Crown Court and the worry and heartache it caused quickly was overtaken by the terrible pandemic. We were allowed to 'play our part' in remaining open to serve food and drink to those in need, and to the local community, which has been and will always be the core of what we do.

Most of you reading this article will be aware of the Cellar – some of you have volunteered over the years and the generous support we enjoy from your Churches has been wonderful. However, some of you reading this might not know about us... so a few words...

Our most important role is still **befriending, listening, and praying with those who are struggling with life, loneliness, mental illness, and budgeting.**

We strive to build trusting relationships with our customers and help and encourage them day by day. We have our **food bank** table where people can come and take things without judgement or answering questions and welcome donations for that.

Our staff members, under manager Debbie's guidance, are trained in listening skills and if necessary, can give advice and practical help.

Some of our customers have become volunteers, helping with washing up and clearing tables, giving them a structure to their day and a purposeful use of time. Sometimes they are then able to develop the skills and confidence to move on to finding a job and become more independent.

The Cellar is part of a local community support group including Rethink, The Meath and CAB and people are often referred to us by local GP practices, Social Services and Churches. Customers who are on the margins of society feel more at ease than in a High

Street Café and the Cellar becomes their 'family' with a greater sense of integration into the community.

Our 'new' home is so different from Crown Court, but it still offers the same warmth and friendship. And now Christmas is coming – and to some without family... the loneliest time. Our annual appeal explains that we give those in need cash donations or vouchers for Waitrose or Sainsbury's, also gifts of new toys or festive foods. These special parcels of seasonal food and gifts are extra to the food parcels that we distribute throughout the year. We also value donations of homemade cakes.

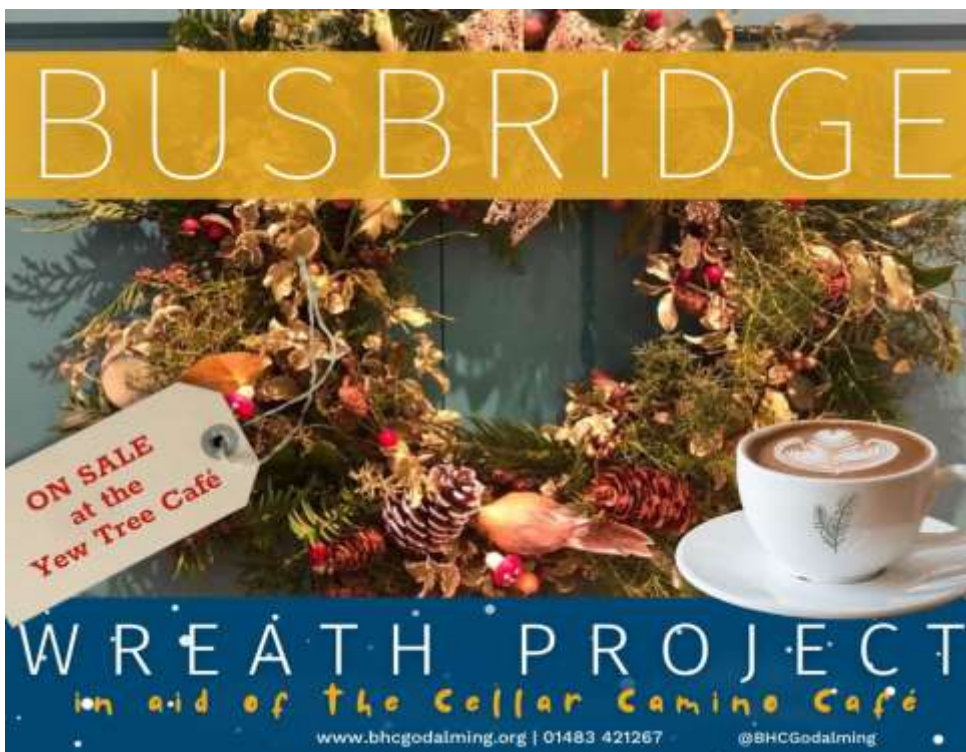
Ours is a never-ending story and in the days and months to come, our role will become even more vital, so your support, be it donations, volunteering or prayer is so welcome.

Please come and visit us – look at our website – all these details are below as well as how you can help.

A very happy and peaceful Christmas to you all.

**Simon Crowther, Trustee**  
on behalf of the Cellar Management Team

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All proceeds from the Busbridge Wreath Project will also go to the Christmas Appeal for the Cellar.

Wreaths will be made by volunteers on 7 December, and on sale at the Yew Tree Café from Thursday 8th December.

## 4 WAYS TO GIVE

1. By BACS transfer:  
Bank: NatWest, Godalming Branch  
Sort Code: 60-09-04  
Account name: Busbridge PCC  
Account no: 00705349 | Ref: <charity>
2. Online [www.bhcgodalming.org/giving](http://www.bhcgodalming.org/giving)
3. Cheque payable to Busbridge PCC.  
Please use the giving envelope available from both churches for OG Appeals.
4. The GoodBox contactless card reader at Busbridge Church will divert donations to OG when an appeal is running.



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Our role is to provide a bridge between our church members and the charities and causes that Busbridge&Hambledon Church supports.  
See [bhcgodalming/mission/outward-giving](http://bhcgodalming/mission/outward-giving)  
If you would like to be involved in this group or would like to find out more about our bursary scheme for short mission projects, please contact [mission@bhcgodalming.org](mailto:mission@bhcgodalming.org)

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