



NEWSLETTER

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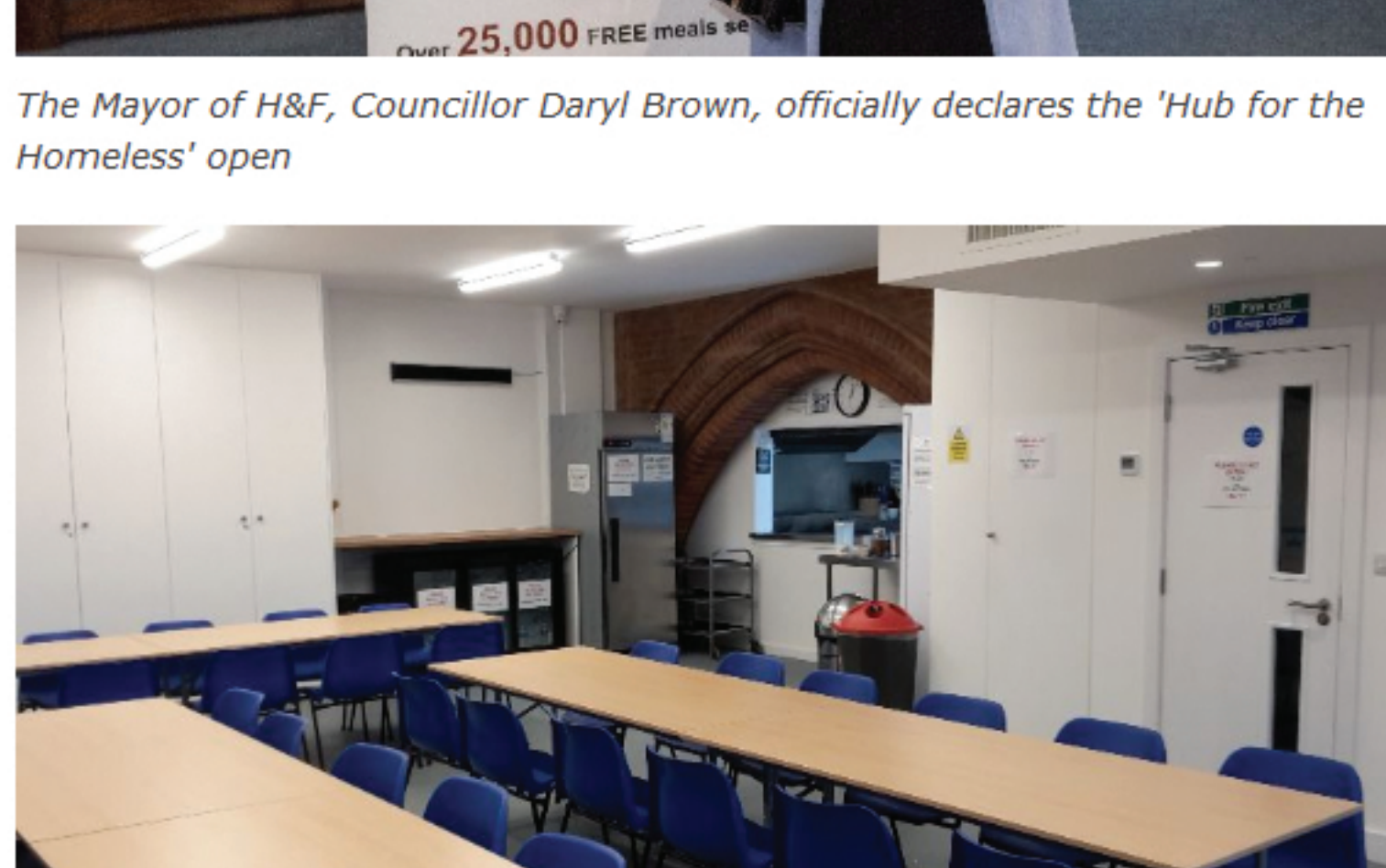
WE'RE BACK AT ST SAVIOUR'S!

As you're probably aware, earlier this year we temporarily moved out of St Saviour's church so that our long-awaited refurbishment could get under way. It included the addition of an entirely new mezzanine floor designed to double our available space.

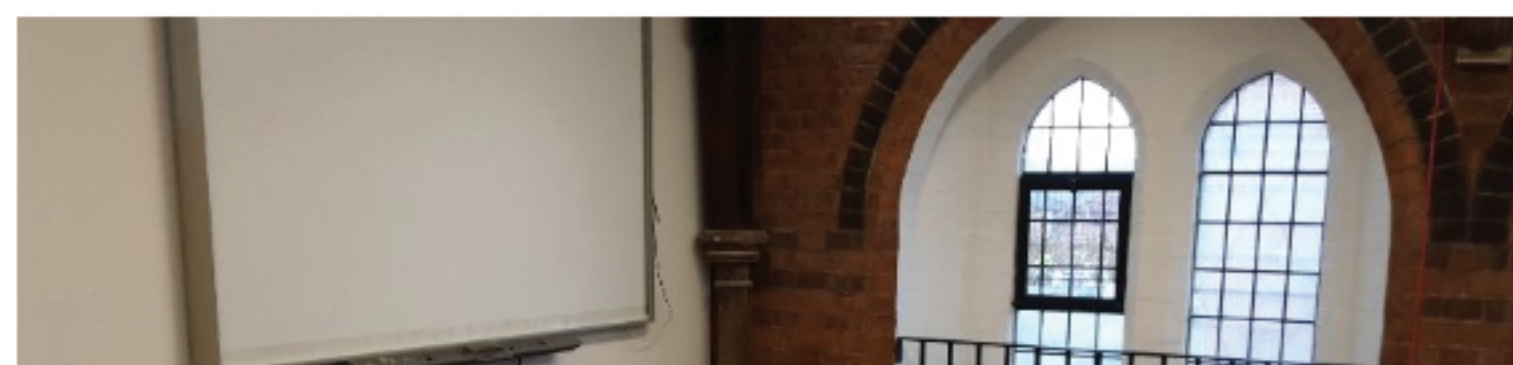
We are very grateful to everyone who contributed financially and in kind to make this happen. We're now in great shape to expand the scope of our 'Hub for the Homeless' and to that end we have already set up a pilot health-awareness evening on December 2nd from 5 to 7pm where our beneficiaries will be offered a range of services to see which are the most popular.

OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY

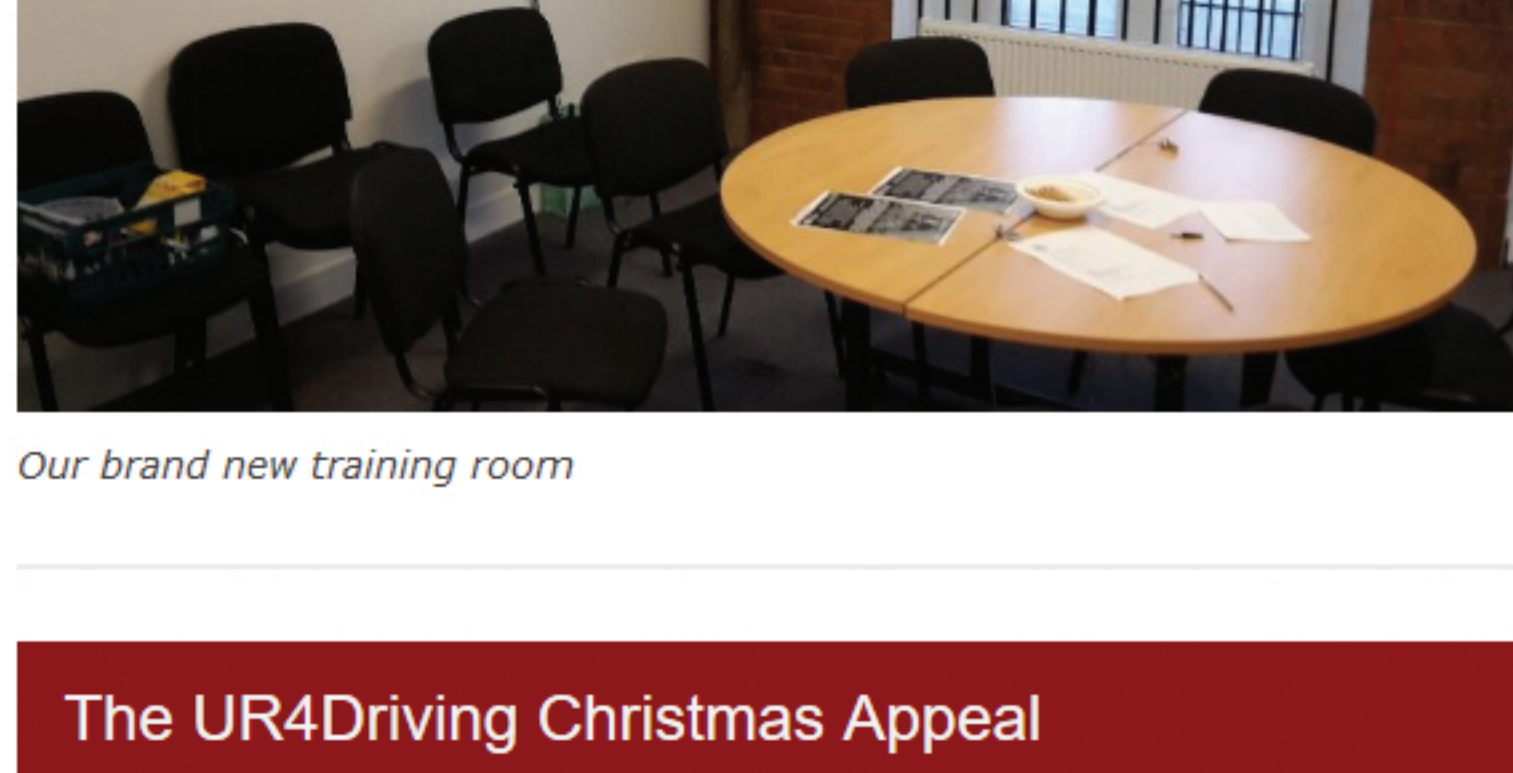
We moved back in on October 10th and the official opening took place on the evening of October 17th. Both funders and supporters of the project enjoyed a dazzling array of refreshments provided by chef Dan Cameron and his team of graduates from Leith's School of Food & Wine.



The Mayor of H&F, Councillor Daryl Brown, officially declares the 'Hub for the Homeless' open



Our beautifully refurbished meals area



Our brand new training room

The UR4Driving Christmas Appeal

47% of prisoners have no qualifications. Having a job is the single biggest factor in reducing re-offending, yet 75% of prisoners are released to unemployment. This appeal will enable us to support 60 ex-offenders to learn to drive, in return for 80 hours of voluntary work. UR4Driving has a proven track record in helping ex-offenders turn their back on crime.

"I feel wicked! Keep looking at the licence and feel amazing! It has opened up England to me - work and life opportunities!!!"

How the funding will be spent

We need to raise a total of £25,000 for UR4Driving. £10,000 towards the Project Co-ordinator's salary costs and £15,000 towards training costs (theory & practical test fees, driving lessons and resources).

How this will benefit the community

UR4Driving benefits us all. The ex-offenders acquire new skills which are a gateway to employment. UR4Driving is in effect a 'journey'. The process enables them to lead a more settled way of life and avoid re-offending. That is of benefit to them, their loved ones, the wider community and the criminal justice system. To date, over 200 ex-offenders have successfully obtained a driving licence. In 2018 only 4% of the cohort re-offended!

If you would like to support this life-changing project, please click the button below.

[Donate now to our Christmas appeal](#)

HARVEST 2019



Our chock-full pasta cupboard

Every year, we are the lucky beneficiaries of harvest gifts supplied to us by schools and churches from all around West London. This year was no exception: we visited a total of 45 different premises and collected a vast amount of food, clothing and other useful items from thousands of generous families. These gifts make it possible to support and feed our homeless guests for the entire year.

Harvest also gives us the opportunity to go out into the community and tell people about homelessness in London and what we are doing to help. This year we addressed several church congregations as well as over 3,000 schoolchildren.

EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

SANTA IN THE CITY 5K FUN RUN
Thursday 5th December

This annual Santa dash is the perfect way to get you, your friends and family into the London festive spirit! The Upper Room will pay the registration fee, but ideally participants should raise a minimum of £100 in sponsorship.

FRIDAY NIGHT FEVER AT THE HOGARTH HEALTH CLUB
Friday 22nd November
7.30-late

Dance the night away to the irresistible sounds of 70s and 80s disco classics. Tickets are only £10 and all profits go to The Upper Room. Delicious Thai veg curry will also be available.

[Book now at Eventbrite](#)

The Upper Room

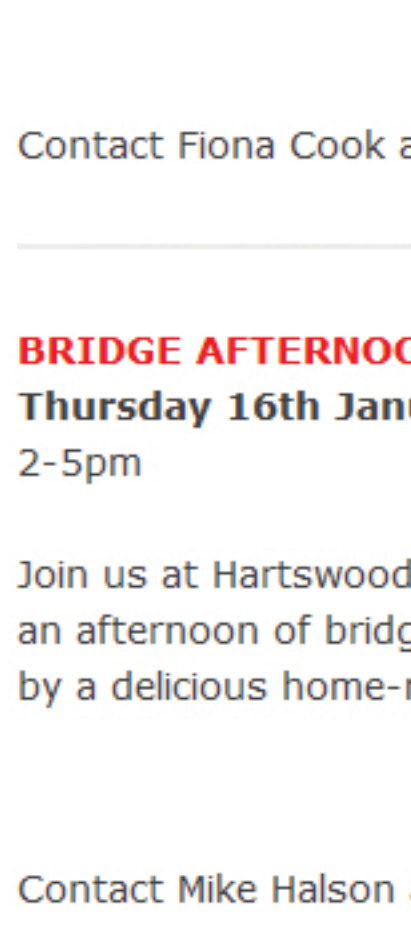
CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

at St Saviour Wendell Park Church

- All welcome!
- Monday 16th December @ 7pm
- Featuring The Addison Singers
- Mulled wine and mince pies
- Entry free but donations welcome

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EVENTS IN 2020



FOOTBALL BUCKET COLLECTIONS

We have been invited to do bucket collections at two local football grounds - Chelsea and QPR. We need 6 volunteers for each event. Please note that this does not include admission to see the game.

Chelsea v Burnley
Saturday 11th January
12.45-3pm

QPR v Leeds
Saturday 18th January
12.45-3pm

Contact Fiona Cook at fiona.cook@theupperroom.org.uk

BRIDGE AFTERNOON

Thursday 16th January
2-5pm

Join us at Hartswood Tennis Club for an afternoon of bridge, accompanied by a delicious home-made tea.

QUIZ NIGHT AT LATYMER UPPER SCHOOL
Thursday 20th February
7pm till late

Tickets £20 to include food and a drink.

THE UPPER ROOM GALA DINNER DANCE

Bush Hall
Thursday 23rd April
7pm to midnight

As our Mayoral year draws to a close, we are holding our largest event of the year in the sumptuous surroundings of the Bush Hall ballroom. In addition to a fabulous meal, there will be music, magic, dancing and an auction.

Please put the date in your diary. Further details to follow.

We are looking for sponsors and auction prizes for this event. Please contact Fiona Cook at fiona.cook@theupperroom.org.uk if you can help or have any suggestions.



OPEN GARDENS
Sunday 24th May
2-5pm

Details to follow.

Petros SINGERS

A Festival of Christmas

Celebrating the traditions and rituals that have developed around the festive season

Richard Bannan – musical director
Andrew Wells – organ

Saturday 7th December 2019
7:30 pm
St Peter's Church
Black Lion Lane, W6 9BE

tickets £17 / £15 / £5
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Small tap big change

HAMMERSMITH BID

Small tap, big change is a ground-breaking initiative launched by **Hammersmith BID**, aiming to combat challenges associated with homelessness exclusively in Hammersmith and Fulham.

Money raised by the initiative will go directly to local H&F homeless charities - including The Upper Room - funding additional beds, hot meals, washing facilities, outreach services and life skills coaching.

How to donate

You can find contactless devices in pubs, shops and office buildings across Hammersmith town centre where you can give fixed donations of £2 per tap. If you want to give more than £2, you can make **donations of any value online**.