



UPDATE: SEP 2021



Looking back over the past eighteen months, our wonderful café has gone through a metamorphosis of emotions... from the depths of despair to ultimate joy – the pandemic also unwittingly played its part when our backs were against the wall having to decide if we could continue under lockdown with an increased rent or if we looked for pastures new after forty years – a real soul-searching moment... an uncertain summer followed and suddenly, out of the blue, we found our new home and what a home it is – the Lord really does move in mysterious ways!

The word Camino crept into our thinking (El Camino and the theme of pilgrimage) and with our new signage we incorporated the pilgrim scallop shell (of St. James) so that we could have a distinctive new identity and a pilgrim route from the old Cellar to the new.

We are now located in the old staff café alongside Waverley's offices – things happened very fast when we said we would take it – supporters Heather and Mark gave the place a fresh coat of paint donated by mum Sue – also giving us some super pictures – some sofas were sourced for our quiet area – Waverley's team bent over backwards to make it happen and our Town Mayor 'cut the ribbon' on 26th October.

The café came with a kitchen to die for and about four times the size of our old home in Crown Court – our staff, ably led by Debbie and Emma got stuck in – lots of volunteers joined the team - the cakes kept coming and a week later... we were locked down again!

We were granted permission to function as a 'take-away' and were able to be a vital link with the community store to help those in need in our community. Now happily the restrictions are behind us, and the café is there for our customers, both old and new.



So, what is the mission of the Cellar?

The Cellar is an incredibly special café which is open to everyone, but with the principal objective of providing a caring, friendly, and supportive meeting place for the lonely, the vulnerable and the marginalised in our community.

By being welcomed and treated with care and concern, people find a sense of belonging to an extended family, where joys and sorrows are shared. The Cellar has always provided a listening ear and a prayerful support to all. It has been found that over time, through acceptance and increased self-esteem, those who have led broken lives can become more purposeful and better integrated into the community.

www.thecellarcafe.co.uk



The Cellar goes into the community with its 'Street Ministry' - outside the café on a Saturday with prayer station, praise, and worship – additionally, outreach with a prayer and praise band on Ockford Ridge with hand out of finger puppets, scripture verse and service time information and contact details for Rev Sheila Samuels at St. Mark's church. And finally, we are always pleased to come and visit local churches and if allowed, are happy to get involved with presentations or even running services!

We have been blessed with recent fundraising successes including Matt Buckle who ran ten marathons in ten days and raised over £3,000 for us – other appeals have raised a similar amount which helps our finances considerably – a new ice-cream fridge and coffee machine have been bought and plans are underway to re-do the lighting and add an awning over our entrance.

OUTWARD GIVING

Our role is to provide a bridge between our church and its members, mission and the groups we support and pray for.
See 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

The Godalming Theatre Group are donating proceeds from their forthcoming concert – 'Up Where We Belong' – at the Borough Hall on Sunday 12th September – matinee and evening performances. Book now at

<https://www.thelittleboxoffice.com/gtg>
The Cellar is one arm of the Warehouse Christian Trust, and we have a resolute team of Trustees who meet quarterly, ably led by chair Chris Jagger.

We rely on donations and grants as well as organising fund-raising events. You can help by regularly donating via 'Virgin Money Giving' or by baking a cake or volunteering some time to help in the Cellar, like some of your wonderful parishioners – if you are interested in learning more come and meet us in the Cellar and enjoy the best cup of coffee in Godalming – you would be most welcome.

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. 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.

