

HULL LIGHTHOUSE

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2017 ended with a few weeks of Christmas activities such as a really enjoyable day at a local Christmas Craft Fair raising money to buy pyjamas for the women we support. These are often the only present a number of the women receive at Christmas. We also had the weekly group decorating Christmas cakes and they even went foraging in a country garden for greenery to make table centre pieces. All these events were a count down to our annual Christmas lunch which is always looked forward to and very well attended. This year, we started with a time of reflection & prayer as we have had a number of women pass away over the last 12 months, one of which would have been helping prepare the Christmas Lunch. She had come along to the group every week and quickly progressed to become a volunteer. For the past year she had been helping in the kitchen, but sadly passed away days before the meal.



We are very encouraged by the number of other service wanting to join us on the Evening Outreach. Two of these services came on board before Christmas and the impact was immediate. The rough sleepers coordinators from Emmaus and the Support Worker from Hull Homeless Community Project were able to help a couple of the women who accessed the Evening Outreach to secure an emergency bed. It's great to be working together and offering the women the support they desperately need.

We are looking forward to what 2018 has in store and will keep you all updated through Facebook and Twitter, the Website and these Newsletters.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES!!

At the beginning of the year, one of the women we support could only cook two things, but then she started coming along to the weekly cooking sessions. She now cooks a full Sunday roast dinner for a number of residents where she lives and has recently extended this to include overseas students that are experiencing loneliness. One recently sent her a note thanking her for including him as he was experiencing severe loneliness and she made him feel welcomed and part of a community. Not only has she extended her cooking skills, she has used her peer mentoring skills to the full. She went on to cook Christmas dinner for 20 of the residents. Fantastic!



We have a number of free copies still available and there are two ways of obtaining a copy. You can send us a stamped addressed A4 jiffy envelope with £3 postage on it or you can donate £5 to cover postage and costs .

Details, etc. are available from lighthouse@community-house.co.uk or 01482 442953.

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PRAYER POINTS

Funding for our full time Outreach Worker still continues to be a pressure. We are in the process of sending off yet another grant application to cover the position, so please pray for a successful outcome, as this is a major post for the running of the Charity.

There were more deaths last year than we have experienced in a long time, so please pray for the women who continue to struggle with health problems and addictions. Please pray for their health to be restored and that they will overcome their addictions.

There are a number of women out on an evening that we are struggling to engage. Please pray that we will be able to connect with them through the outreach and start to support them during the day.

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