

HOPE KITCHEN



ENJOYING A TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS DINNER WITH MUSIC FROM THE SALVATION ARMY

Launch of the Christmas Special

Last December saw the launch of our Hope Kitchen Christmas Special - an evening of festive celebration together with a professionally catered two course meal with all the trimmings and Christmas music from the Salvation Army band. Forty guests from Hope Kitchen were invited by written invitation. Each guest who attended the evening also received a Christmas present which was a gift bag full of useful items such as socks, soap and flannel, tissues, toothpastes etc. with one or

two surprises added in. Tom, one of our guests recounted his experience at the Christmas Special - "It was really, really nice. It was a lovely surprise to get the present, a very thoughtful and useful gift. Food was excellent and the company good. Thank you very much for everything." Another guest, Bridget told that "it was the most fabulous Christmas dinner yet!". During the post-dinner coffee-time guests and volunteers were given the chance to select their favourite carols which were sung at full volume

along with the Salvation Army brass band who did a wonderful job. One volunteer, George, spoke of the festive and friendly atmosphere, "It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves and good to see the friendships between guests and volunteers. God really blessed the whole evening and we look forward to next year!" The evening was kindly funded by the Silver Lady Fund and the hearty meal was cooked by professional chef Jon and his team from Devour Restaurant, Hastings.



Christmas gifts for our guests



Working hard in the kitchen...

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AMBER RUDD
PICTURED
WITH MIKE
COOPER
(CHAIRMAN)
AND CHRIS
SEARS (VICE-
CHAIR)

Visit from our MP

Last November we were very pleased to welcome our MP Amber Rudd to serve with us during an evening at Hope Kitchen. Amber met many of our guests and listened to their stories. Amber said of her time at Hope Kitchen, "It was a great honour to join Mike and other volunteers for an evening of serving soup and bringing fellowship to those in need in Hastings."

Volunteer, Katie said 'it was great to be joined by Amber Rudd at Hope Kitchen and as usual it was a busy evening in which she managed well, listening to and serving our guests alongside the other volunteers and getting stuck in to the clear-up operation afterwards!'

Many thanks to Amber for joining with us.

Our Supporters - Thank you.

We are so grateful to God for all who support Hope Kitchen: for the prayers of many locally; the time offered by volunteers; the gifts of finance so generously given.

We can send leaflets to individuals and churches who are interested in the work of Hope Kitchen. These explain the different ways of supporting Hope Kitchen. Prayer Cards are also available for those interested in praying for the work, these are updated quarterly. Please email Katie Harrison (Secretary) at katieharrison81@hotmail.com if you would like a leaflet and/or prayer card.

For further information on volunteering at Hope Kitchen, please contact George Hornsby on 07931587349.

Isaiah 58v6-7

"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?"

Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter - when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?"