

BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL 2023

BISHOP'S WELCOME FUND FOR REFUGEES & ASYLUM SEEKERS

It is 7 years since Bishop Paul launched a Lent Appeal to establish a Welcome Fund for Refugees.

Sadly, the world continues to be an unsafe place for many people. Hundreds of thousands of people are fleeing their homelands to escape violence and persecution. In the past couple of years there have been increased numbers of people arriving in the UK from Afghanistan and Ukraine as well as many other countries.

This year's appeal will replenish the Welcome Fund to support churches and projects in Southwell & Nottingham working to help new arrivals.



Bishop Paul said, "I am very thankful for all the ways that the Welcome Fund has been used to help churches to respond to the needs of refugees and asylum seekers, especially through hospitality and practical support. Compassionate action should be the natural response of those who are seeking to walk in the way of Jesus."

The generous response then has enabled many churches in the diocese to receive grants to support hundreds of distraught people in their parishes. **The funds need to be replenished as we continue to respond to great need.**

In 2022, the diocese launched the Supporting Ukrainian Refugees initiative to help match hosts and people fleeing the conflict with Russia, but a year on, the need for hosts continues. If you feel you could host, please contact sur@southwell.anglican.org.

Welcoming the stranger, offering hospitality and practical acts of generosity and kindness are needed more than ever. Please support this year's Lent Appeal with your prayers and your giving.



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