

Some ways of supporting Ukrainian Refugees

Information from Oxford Diocese

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<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/make-a-difference-in-ukraine.php>



We are not helpless

More than two million people have now fled Ukraine following the Russian invasion. Now is the time for us to respond.

We are working with Citizens UK to [resettle 50 Ukrainian refugees across the diocese](#) before Easter - and we need your help.

Sponsoring a family through the Citizens UK scheme means you'll have access to their expertise and connections and as a diocese we're here to support you through the process. We'll have more to share with you in the next few days, so please take a moment to register interest using the links below and we'll be back in touch.

I want to sponsor a family and can offer accommodation

If you can offer accommodation to a refugee or refugee family - whether you've already registered as a sponsor elsewhere or have just heard about the programme - then let us know using the button below.

I want to help a family but I can't offer accommodation

There are loads of other ways to help - whether it's picking up a family from the airport, helping with paperwork for the GP, or being a friendly face they can talk to in a difficult time.

If you'd like to help in any way, let us know using the button below.

[Register your interest here](#)

What else can I do?

Sign a petition, attend a fundraiser or check out the national resources for equipping your parish - [see more ideas of how to make a difference.](#)

Still not sure what you can do? Sharing posts on social media can mean more people see and act - it might be just the nudge some of your contacts are waiting for. Click one of the icons below.



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Other Organisations

Refugees at Home

Refugees at home is a well established charity which offers a really well organised alternative to the government scheme (and matches people to refugees):

<https://www.refugeesathome.org/>.

Welcome Churches

<https://welcomechurches.org/ukraine-welcome/>

In preparation for people arriving in the UK from Ukraine, Welcome Churches has launched <https://www.ukrainewelcome.org/>. The website provides valuable information in English, Ukrainian and Russian for people arriving in the UK from Ukraine to help them settle and connect with a community, to be welcomed and receive the help and support they need. It includes practical information such as accessing a GP, finding a school and how to connect with a local church community.

Global Sanctuary Foundation

<https://www.sanctuaryfoundation.org.uk/>

Supporting New Arrivals from Ukraine

Watching the humanitarian disaster unfolding in Ukraine right now, many of us are wondering what we can do to help. The Sanctuary Foundation invites you to join us to make a real difference to the lives of Ukrainian people.

Religion at the heart of understanding Russia's claim on Ukraine

The Russian Orthodox church has fought for decades to link Russian identity with Orthodox identity "and somehow they did it". Russia is claiming Ukraine as an inalienable part of its spiritual space and the consequences are invasion, death, mass exodus of refugees and fear. Now there are appeals for global religious leaders to challenge the Russian Orthodox Church hierarchy in Moscow. In this Religion Media Centre briefing, hosted by Ruth Peacock, the issues were debated with Lord Rowan Williams the former Archbishop of Canterbury; Professor Aristotle Papanikolaou, Fordham University and Orthodox Christian Studies Centre, New York; Katie Kelaidis, writer and historian; Father Stephen Platt, Russian Orthodox Church in Great Britain and Ireland; and Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, Ukrainian Catholic church in London. Read the report on our website.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YpaHLnsx2hQ>