



Summer 2022 Update

This update on the work of Louth Churches for Refugees is timed with Refugee Week in mind. Refugee Week is a UK-wide festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary. Founded in 1998 and held every year around World Refugee Day on 20 June, Refugee Week is also a growing global movement. During 2022, Refugee Week is being observed from 20-26 June, with a theme of 'Healing'. Through creativity and conversations, Refugee Week is planned as a celebration of community, mutual care, and the human ability to start again. This year's focus seems especially apt in the light of the recent United Nations announcement that the number of people forced to flee conflict, violence, human rights violations and persecution has now crossed the staggering milestone of 100 million for the first time on record.

The work of Louth Churches for Refugees seems more vital than ever: thank you for your support. Our plans are progressing well to welcome a second resettled family to Louth and we are looking forward to the family's arrival, which we expect to be during July 2022. Many thanks to everyone who has kindly helped with donations of household furnishings – these are very much appreciated.

Looking ahead to the activity of our charity in the future, several of our trustees will be moving away from the area during the months ahead and we are looking to draw more people into active involvement in our work. Will you join us in prayer for the work of Louth Churches for Refugees and will you consider whether God might be calling you to become more closely involved, as a member of our small coordination group and/or as a charity trustee? Please contact us if you would like any further information.

***Wilderness God: whose Son was a displaced person in Bethlehem,
a refugee in Egypt, and had nowhere to lay his head in Galilee.***

***Bless all who have nowhere to lay their head today, who find themselves strangers on earth,
facing rejection, closed doors, suspicion and fear.***

***Give them companions in their distress,
hope in their wandering, and safe lodging at their journey's end.***

***And make us a people of grace, wisdom and hospitality,
who know that our true and eternal home is in you.***

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Various events are planned in Louth to mark Refugee Week, including a celebration organised by East Lindsey Area of Sanctuary, at Spout Yard on 26 June, and a special screening of "Flee" – the extraordinary journey of a child refugee from Afghanistan – at the Parkway Cinema on 27 June. Find out more on our website at <https://louthchurchesforrefugees.org/about-us/latest-news>.

Thank you for your interest in and support for Louth Churches for Refugees. We look forward to hearing from you and you can get in touch by using the [contact form](#) on our website.

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