



## Easter 2023 Update

This update comes with our best wishes for a happy Easter and all the blessings of the Easter season.

It's now just over three years since a first resettled family arrived in Louth. Our members, supporters and friends may be interested to read an interview with the parents of the family, which has been published by RESET – the national refugee resettlement support charity. You can find the interview (“on settling into a rural community”) at <https://training-resetuk.org/resettlement/experts-by-experience-zahir-and-lena-on-settling-into-a-rural-community/>.

Mark Sherman stood down as treasurer of Louth Churches for Refugees in February 2023. We send our best wishes to Mark as he approaches retirement; and want to thank him for his many contributions to the work of the charity over the years. Julie Markham, one of our trustees, has taken on the position of treasurer and we are pleased to welcome Julie into this role.

The ongoing work of Louth Churches for Refugees relies on a small coordinating group and we would be pleased to welcome others who may wish to join us – particularly anyone who may be able to assist with practical support. Please consider whether you – or someone you know – might be able to help us in this way. Do contact us if you would like to find out more.

Those reading this update will not be surprised to hear of the impact of inflation in the lives of the families we support. We are very grateful for all financial donations towards our work and we invite you to consider whether you could make an extra donation this Easter, with the cost of living in mind. We're also always pleased to welcome new regular donors, joining those who contribute monthly by standing order. Could you consider making a commitment to support a refugee family in this way? Details can be found on our website. Thank you.

The work of Louth Churches for Refugees is inspired by the Good News of Jesus and underpinned by prayer. As the Easter season approaches, we invite you to remember us in your prayers, and to pray for all those seeking safety from conflict and danger. You may like to use this prayer:

**Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life.  
Help us to open our hearts to all who are searching for asylum  
and the promise of a life in safety.  
Give us the courage and the compassion  
to embrace all people in the name of your love. Amen**

Thank you for your interest in and support for Louth Churches for Refugees and we look forward to hearing from you about any help you are able to give. Our website has further information and we post regular updates on Facebook. Please follow us and let your friends, family and neighbours know about our work. You can get in touch by using the contact form on our website.

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