

## Ukrainian Refugee Support

The Diocese of Exeter held a webinar today, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, for those who are considering offering to host refugee/s from Ukraine.

The Church of England has produced a Toolkit for churches responding to the crisis in Ukraine. It can be found here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2022-03/Ukraine%20toolkit%20for%20Churches%20and%20Individuals%20CofE%20v2-160322.pdf>

The support they are offering has got off to a speedy start with more information to follow next week.

The Diocese of Exeter is working with the charity Citizens UK to act as a key sponsor in Devon to co-ordinate providing 50 places for Ukrainian refugees and ongoing support. This is a minimum

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

Ideally the Diocese would like to go to the meeting with Citizens UK on Monday and say they have 50 places available.

If you would like to express an interest in hosting a refugee/s there is an interest form to complete – at this stage it commits you to nothing – you can also do this in addition to the government scheme.

The form can be found here

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScL9VPvBniprM1sqewPgfGxoY8indH83VoHKIzZCc3bZpvRXA/viewform>

### Other notes

There will be hidden costs in some of this. The Diocese will be hosting a 'Give A little' Campaign – it will start next week.

If you cannot host, there will be other ways to support those who are hosting and the refugees themselves. Do you know anyone who, speaks Ukrainian, Russian or Polish who might be able to help with the language divide?

