

Churches Together in Royston and District - Ukrainian Refugee Support – June 2022

Here is the current situation in Royston and district:

- There are now several families being hosted in Meldreth and families in Bassingbourn, Steeple Morden and Guilden Morden.
- There is one family being hosted in Royston, another who should have arrived by the time you read this and another linked with a host and completing final formalities.
- Social gatherings have taken place in Meldreth and Walkern and are planned for Barley.
- A church home group have supported the equipping of a self-contained flat to host a family.
- An English language tuition group has been formed at Cheshunt.
- Royston Rotary have set up a support group and are organizing a social event in Barley. Contact for hosts and families wishing to attend: ukraine@roystonrotary.com.

So, we have much to give thanks for and much that needs your continued prayer. Some of the difficulties hosts and guest may encounter and which the support network may be asked to assist with:

- Accessing English classes is proving difficult. Anyone with skills in teaching English as a foreign language would be very useful. Those willing to patiently share conversational English may also be needed.
- There are often requirements to attend the Job Centre at intervals. There may be a need for those willing to provide transport.
- It is recognised that many Ukrainian refugees will be suffering from the traumatic effects of war and will need support. While we cannot be specialists in this area there is an opportunity to acquire more awareness and understanding through a Trauma Awareness Training event run by Welcome Churches. It is being presented over Zoom and is available at two alternative times:
21 June 10-11am; To register - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trauma-awareness-in-refugees-tickets-354597940987>
22 June 7.30-8.30pm; To register - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trauma-awareness-in-refugees-tickets-354613547667>

So far, we have not really had to call on the support network. However, as more families are hosted in the area and as hosts continue their amazing work of support, the requirement for others to be part of that work may grow. Thank you, Support Network for being willing to do God's work in this way.

Thank you all for continuing to pray and, if others feel that they can contribute to this work in any way, or want to ask any questions, then please do get in touch.

Yours in Christ,

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(on behalf of the Churches Together Working Group for Support of Ukrainian Refugees.)

Royston Parish Church of St. John the Baptist

Sunday 19th June 2022

1st Sunday after TRINITY

**Heidi and Phil will be away on annual leave
from 10th June and returning on the 26th June**

Sun 19 June	9 am	Said Eucharist at Icknield Walk School
	10.15 am	Eucharist service with Church Choir at Icknield Walk School

The 10.15am service will also be on-line on our YouTube channel.

Sun 26 June	9 am	BCP Holy Communion Service
	10.15 am	Eucharist service with Church Choir at Icknield Walk School

CHURCH BOOKING Please ensure you book yourself a seat for the **10.15am** Sunday services; please contact Joanne (roystonpc.churchoffice@gmail.com) or ring the office mobile between Monday and Saturday lunch time. Unfortunately, we cannot take bookings for more than one week at a time. All welcome!

As we pray for the Church, we pray for:

For all Christians in Malawi and Zambia

For all who worship at Therfield & Kelshall Parish Churches: In Vacancy

For all who are working on the rebuilding of our beautiful Church

For the work of 28 Too Many

We pray for the community of Royston:

For all our local NHS workers, keep them safe and well

For all our local Health Centres, and the rollout of the COVID vaccine

For our Royston Community Transport

