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## Lent Appeal 2024

You will have seen in the news that the number of refugees being forced into sleeping on the streets has risen dramatically over the last few months.

The Government's efforts to reduce the huge backlog of asylum seekers has led to many newly-granted refugees (people who have recently been granted asylum) being evicted from their Home Office accommodation with nowhere to go.

These refugees have escaped conflict, persecution and unimaginable hardship, only to be made homeless once they have finally been granted asylum.

Please help us to help these individuals find somewhere safe and warm to sleep so they can recover from the trauma they have experienced and start to rebuild their lives.

Thank you.

Find out more about our Lent Appeal

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**Lenten Message from our Chair, the Rt Rev Rob Wickham**

My friends,

Have you ever prayed the Stations of the Cross? It is a powerful spiritual journey of the final moments of Jesus' life, where Jesus was thinking about you, and those around you.

In this walk he is unfairly judged, he falls three times, he is helped by strangers, he is publicly humiliated and eventually he is killed and laid in a tomb. Jesus, again, showing the depths that God will go to as a demonstration of unconditional love.

Who else has a similar experience? Condemned by strangers, humiliated, fall, and some will die in the process? Who else is desperate for the kindness of the stranger?

The number of refugees in London sleeping rough has increased by 39% in a month, and those who have been granted asylum are often evicted with nowhere to go.

Housing Justice has recently launched a Refugee Lodgings Scheme, bringing together those who are in need and those who have a room, for up to six months, so they can start to re-build their lives. This is life transforming. This is Lent and Easter in action.

So, as you journey in Stations of the Cross, as Jesus journeys with you, and you journey with Jesus, look around. Who else is journeying, who else is facing that which Jesus faced, who else needs that helping hand in a moment of desperate need? Easter is God's 'yes' to us. How might we be God's 'yes' to one another?

Please give generously.

With my love and prayers,

+Rob



## Watch Bishop Rob's Lenten Message

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## WHY GIVE TO HOUSING JUSTICE?

Our history of helping people stretches back to 1956. In 2018 we received the Christian Funders Gold Award.

In the last few years we have:

- Supported more 3,000 individuals experiencing homelessness each year through our Night Shelter Network
- Facilitated the delivery of over 100 genuinely affordable homes with 80 more in the pipeline
- Provided more than 35,000 safe nights sleep to vulnerable and destitute asylum seekers through our Hosting Projects
- Provided a wide range of support to thousands of individuals, including overnight shelter, longer-term accommodation, accessing food support, preventative support, advice and advocacy

## Make a donation

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