

Donations to the St Paul's Refugee Fund

The St Paul's Refugee Fund has been set up to support refugees and asylum seekers, particularly during lockdown. We have an ongoing involvement with a group housed in a large hostel for women and children in Hounslow. They are waiting for a decision from the Home Office about whether they can stay in the UK or whether they will be sent back to the country they travelled from. While they are waiting, they are given accommodation but do not have access to benefits, or the right to work. They receive a weekly subsistence allowance of £37.75, paid in the form of credit on a payment card that can be used at some, but not all, shops. We give a small amount of money every week to each adult in the hostel, just £5 per person. We have found that just that small amount of extra cash has come to be a meaningful way to support the ladies and as well as the money, a weekly drop-off has built a strong bond between our support fund and the women. They have told us repeatedly over the last year how much they value the fact that we are thinking of them and supporting them on a weekly basis. We were humbled recently when there was a delay in delivering the cash and we realised that some of the women were relying on that extra money but were too embarrassed to enquire about the delay. Some money has also gone on preparing and planting a small vegetable garden, and improving the play space for the children as well as funding a Christmas party at the hostel. The fund also donates money and supplies to an excellent charity based in Hammersmith, called West London Welcome, and to Refugees Welcome Hounslow.

If you would like to donate, the details are below. Please use the reference REFUGEE FUND.

Account Name: The Parochial Church Council, St Paul's Church,

Bank: Lloyds TSB, 308-312 Chiswick High Road, Chiswick, London W4 1NS

Account number: 70844468

Sort code: 77-91-26

You could also send a cheque, made payable to St Paul's PCC, to Simon Surtees, 43 Wilmington Avenue Chiswick, London W4 3HA. Write REFUGEE FUND on the back.

St Paul's is registered with the Charities Commission (Charity Number 1154708) and as such we can claim gift aid back on all donations. If you are a regular tax payer, then it would be a great help to us if you could fill in the form below, and send it to the address above. There is no hurry, but it means we can claim back an extra 25p from the government for every £1 you donate, so it is well worth it!

GIFT AID DECLARATION

Full name and title (please print) _____

Address _____

_____ Post Code _____ Start Date _____

I want the St Paul's church to reclaim tax on all my donations from the start date.

I note that I should tell the Church if I don't pay an amount of tax that at least equals the tax deducted from this donation. This Gift Aid declaration replaces any current declaration with the Church from the above start date.

Signed _____ Date _____



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