



## New Year 2023 Update

It's now six months since a second resettled family arrived in Louth and it has been very good to see members of the family getting established in the local community over recent months. Towards the end of 2022 the trustees of Louth Churches for Refugees met with representatives of RESET – the national refugee resettlement support charity – and we were pleased to receive positive feedback on our work to welcome and support the family. Thanks go to all those who have helped us during 2022 with encouragement, financial/practical support and prayer.

Derek Gibson stood down as a trustee of Louth Churches for Refugees in Autumn 2022. We send our warm wishes to Derek in his move to Yorkshire; and want to express heartfelt thanks for his significant contributions to the work of the charity as trustee - and chair - over recent years. Just before Christmas we were delighted to welcome Andrew Stratford as a new trustee of Louth Churches for Refugees. Andrew has been involved in the work of our charity for some time, within our English Language support team, and it is good to see his appointment as a trustee.

We are very grateful for all financial donations towards our work and our thanks go to everyone who responded to our pre-Christmas appeal ("Virtual Christmas Gifts") which was a great success. We're 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. We suggest a contribution of £5 per month for 24 months, or as much as you can afford. Thank you.

The work of Louth Churches for Refugees is rooted in prayer. As a new year begins we invite you to remember our work in your prayers, and to pray for all those seeking safety from conflict and danger across the world. You may like to use this prayer:

**O God, amid the clamour of violence, your Word of truth resounds.  
Over nations enshrouded in despair, your justice dawns.  
Keep us watchful and alert, mindful of the time in which we live.  
Hasten the day when the sounds of war will be forever stilled,  
the darkness of evil scattered,  
and all your people gathered into one.  
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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