

This is a template you are welcome to use in your parish communications to let your parishioners know about your role as a host.

Clergy offering hospitality to homeless refugees and migrants

It says in the New Testament “Neglect not hospitality for some thereby entertained angels unawares”. This campaign is very much in the spirit of the Christian faith from its earliest time’
The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Dr Richard Chartres, Bishop of London

Dear Friends

Many of us have been struck by the refugee crisis we see on our TV screens and the sheer size of it can often make us feel helpless.

When I heard about the Clergy Hosting Scheme which is a partnership between The Diocese and Housing Justice, through our close friends at Capital Mass. I/we felt like this was something I/we could do to help play my / our part.

Clergy Hosting is a partnership between Capital Mass, The Diocese of London and Housing Justice to provide temporary accommodation for London’s destitute migrants, asylum seekers and refugees. It involves *[please add in how you’d want to refer to your home/family]* welcoming in a destitute migrant or refugee into our home to live with me/us whilst their asylum or immigration case is being addressed. Our current guest *[please add name if you feel appropriate]* will be with us for *[please choose: a weekend, a week or a few months]*. Please do pray for him/her.

For those of you who may have concerns, this scheme has a strong track record and comes with the approval of the Diocese. Our guest along with myself/ourselves will be supported by Capital Mass and Housing Justice. We/I would value your prayers that we/I will embody Christ’s welcome through the gift of hospitality and that Christ’s love would be encountered.

If over time you become interested in what we’re involved in, then please do talk to me, as it will be great to find more people who have a spare room to offer to a homeless refugee or migrant.

Also if you would like to explore ways to support or include *[add guests name]* into the life of our congregation then again please do talk to me.

If any of you are interested to find out more about Hosting, please do speak to me or check out; www.clergyhosting.org.uk