

RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMME NEWSLETTER March 2018

We are pressing ahead as a Parish with the project, looking for accommodation, attending training, meeting with outside agencies, raising funds. Each project team is getting together to work on aspects of health care, education, home-making, housing and welcome. The Fund-Raising Team had a lively meeting on 8 February and this newsletter provides an update from that group.

FURTHER HELP REQUIRED PLEASE

We are trying to set up a small Benefits/Employment Team to research universal credit, volunteering and employment opportunities for the family's adults. If you have time to help with this aspect of the project please get in touch – This area is a big gap in our skill set and essential for our application.

Dates of team meetings – everyone is welcome to attend

Thursday 8 March - Home making – 8pm in the Hughes Room
Wednesday 14 March – Fund-raising – 7.30pm in the Hughes Room
Thursday 15 March – Education – 7.30pm in the Hughes Room

The entrance to the Hughes Room is via the Church car park

Updates

We will be producing a monthly newsletter so that the whole Parish community is kept up to date. Information can also be found on the Resettlement page of the parish website www.bishopeton.org.uk

Please keep the project in your prayers

Thank you, once again, for your continuing support

Ann Connor

Chair Resettlement Group
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FUNDRAISING GROUP UPDATE

A crowd of 17 people attended a lively meeting full of great ideas for how we can raise funds and how we can engage our wider community in helping us achieve the £9k target required for the Home Office application. However, as we are all well aware this is a premium priced area for the rental market and therefore we are mindful that we will probably need to exceed this £9k target.

We know that many parishioners wish to make a regular contribution throughout the two-year programme, others want to make a one-off contribution, others want to take part in fun events. We are therefore going to make room for all of these activities.

Regular contribution by standing order: We will be outside Church on the weekends of 3rd/4th March and 17th/18th March handing out standing order forms. If you are able to make a monthly contribution and are a UK tax payer we will also be able to reclaim gift aid through this method from

the Treasury. Please do sign up to a monthly amount if you can as this will really help with the evidence we require for the application process – it can be any amount you can afford from say £2 to whatever.

One off contributions by cheque, cash – For a one-off contribution please post your cheque made to `Bishop Eton Resettlement Fund` or cash in an envelope through the Monastery door

One off contribution by digital banking - Bank account for the resettlement fund if you would prefer to make a direct contribution are

Account name: Bishop Eton Resettlement Fund,
Bank: NatWest Allerton Road,
Sort code: 60-01-11
Account number 47505192

Fun activities - We are also planning a number of fun activities throughout the year in which the whole Parish can get involved.

A Syrian night- Friday 13 April - an evening celebrating Syrian food and culture at Eton Place Restaurant, Woolton Road, is planned - please watch the bulletin for further details. We would welcome donations for raffle prizes so please do get in touch if you can donate a gift.

Do you own a business?

We are also looking for any parishioners who own a business and may like to contribute through match funding an event or by providing equipment or furnishings for the house

Individual and group fund raising opportunities

- Many thanks to the **Knights of St Columba Council 9** who have already donated £100 to the funds!
- **Today! The Bath Half-Marathon:** The daughter-in-law of two parishioners is doing something for us today – she is running her first half marathon. You can support Naomi on:- www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/nmjbathhalf4be

Thank you for your support

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Fund Raising Lead

If you want to get involved please do get in touch alisonbutt01@hotmail.co.uk