



ST ERCONWALD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CHARITABLE FUND

UPDATE REPORT

JAN 23

Introduction

The Parish Charitable fund was started in Spring 2022 to support those affected by humanitarian crises. This was largely in response to the Ukrainian Refugee crisis which was developing rapidly following invasion by Russian forces. Approximately 8 million individuals were displaced by the end of May.

Our Parish Priest, Fr Ruslan Kurdiumov, is from Ukraine and so has a network of contacts across the country which we have utilised in order to help those affected in Ukraine, as well as those who have needed to flee to safety

During the first 11 months of the fund we have funded a number of initiatives across Ukraine to get vital supplies and skills to where they are most needed. We also offered some support to those fleeing the country, such as an orphanage that moved to Switzerland, and some children and their mothers arriving in the UK under the government scheme.

Two priests that Fr Ruslan trained with have been using a van to distribute supplies to areas cut off by the war. Fuel prices doubled overnight due to supply issues. We made a grant to cover these costs and enable their vital work to continue. Alongside this we have sent a donated car and a 4x4 medical response vehicle to Ukraine.



SNAPSHOT

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Lorries of medical supplies and clothing have been taken to Ukraine and distributed.

16

Orphans transported to safety in Switzerland

27

people treated by an ambulance funded by the Fund in 24 hours.

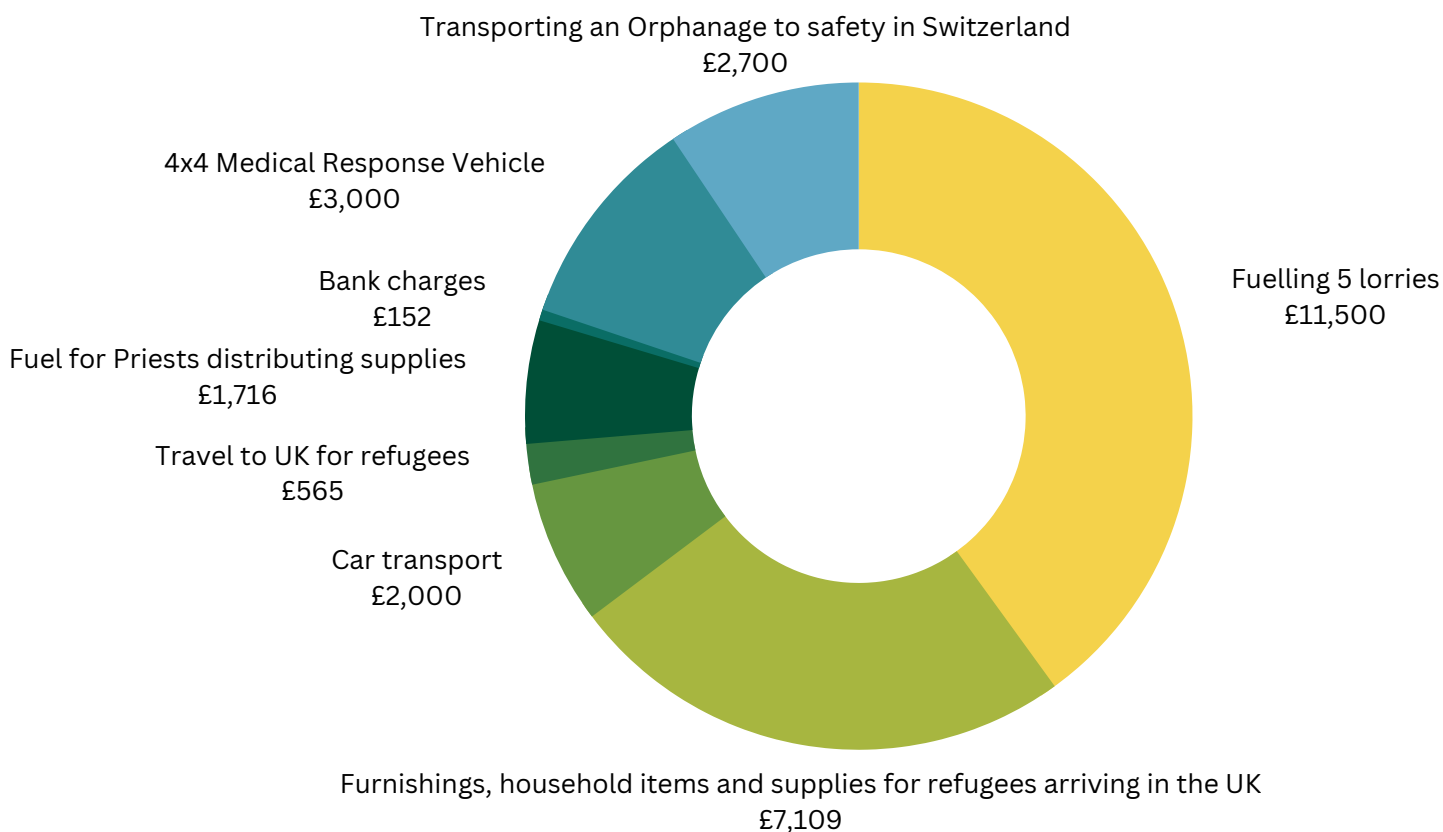
FUNDS RAISED

£44,739

Donations of money and much needed items such as clothing & toiletries have been overwhelming. We are grateful to our Parishioners, the local community and our friends across the Diocese for all their efforts towards supporting those impacted by the humanitarian crisis.



Breakdown of expenditure



FUNDS SPENT TO DATE

£28,742



What next?

We are continuing to work with Fr Ruslan's network to offer efficient and effective support those that need help, such as over Christmas we sent hats, scarves and gloves to provide much needed warmth in the cold winter months with intermittent power resulting from damaged infrastructure.

In the event that any funds are unspent due to a decrease in need, the funds will be retained for use in the next humanitarian crisis. Supporting those in Ukraine, however, remains the priority for the foreseeable future.

WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT.



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS.

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