Update from the Bishop of Huntingdon later on Tuesday, 15 March 2022

Dear Friends

Thank you to all those of you who have made enquiries and expressed concern how we might best support those fleeing the war in Ukraine.

Many of you will have seen this page has now gone live:

War in Ukraine: responding | The Church of England

This has links to the parish toolkit which is this: <u>Ukraine toolkit for Churches</u> and <u>Individuals CofE v1-150322.pdf</u> (<u>churchofengland.org</u>)

Our Diocesan Webpage offers links to all the relevant information:

Diocese of Ely | Homes for Ukraine Scheme (elydiocese.org)

This guidance will be refined and amended as the situation develops, so do check back on the above mentioned Ely and Church of England websites.

A prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,

we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,

that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace,

for wisdom, discernment and compassion

to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,

that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby

Archbishop Stephen Cottrell