



*helping the homeless and disadvantaged*

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To – All at St Giles Church, Horsted Keynes

## **Thank You!**

We were so delighted to receive your recent bank transfer of £823.75 – what a brilliant amount to receive. Thank-you so much for thinking of us and our vital work again in this way. It remains a challenging environment within which to raise funds, especially from individual and community giving, so we are especially grateful.

One big new challenge locally is that as you may know the refugee and migrant hotels in and around Crawley are finally starting to slowly empty as people are being given the right to remain in the UK. Many have been staying in them for 1 or 2 years. The bad thing is that they are only being given seven days' notice to leave their accommodation, and often they are leaving to a situation of no housing, no benefits or employment yet set up and little support. Many of them are finding their way to our doors and we were already too busy as you can imagine. We are talking with local government, our MP and the Home Office about how this can all be resolved better, but as of today we have 7 ex-residents of the hotels staying in the hostel, with many more awaiting a bed space, and it's putting a real strain on our services.

Thanks for your wonderful support again – we really appreciate it. Please pass on our thanks to everyone involved.

All the best for 2024,

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