



5<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear St John's family,

The Orchard Hotel (behind the Queen Adelaide pub) is now housing refugees and asylum seekers. This lies within our parish. The Epsom & Ewell Refugee Network is providing people with some support (including English lessons at Stoneleigh Baptist and Ruxley Lane), but they have asked for our assistance. In particular, there is a recently arrived Iraqi family (a woman and three daughters aged 16, 15 and 10) who desperately need additional clothing and shoes before the weather gets any colder.

We want to ask the St John's family whether you can help by donating any of the items listed in the table below. Clothes and shoes should be in good condition, without damage or undue wear and tear. Please review the list and let us know by email to [appealstjohns@yahoo.com](mailto:appealstjohns@yahoo.com) which items you can offer. We will then confirm back to you so that we don't end up with multiples of the same items (we don't have any storage capacity at church so we need to be quite careful about what we accept).

In addition to the above, there is also a general (i.e. for many families) need for adult men's and women's socks and underwear – all sizes - and for toiletries. For obvious reasons, the socks and underwear need to be new. You can either purchase these yourself and donate them or we can accept financial contributions. If you would like to make a financial contribution, please send your gift to St. John's bank account number 35073284 sort code 60-24-28 quoting the reference REFUGEE. If you pay UK tax and would like us to increase your donation by 25% by allowing us to claim Gift Aid (and are not already registered with St John's) please contact our Treasurer at [treasurer@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk) and he will send you a form.

I foresee many opportunities this coming Winter to follow Jesus' teaching, "I needed clothes and you clothed me....Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matt 25:36,40). Thank you for your love and support for our neighbours in need.

	Adult Woman	Girl (age 16)	Girl (age 15)	Girl (age 10)
Shoes/ Boots/ Trainers	Size 6	size 5	size 5	size 5
Pants/ Leggings	size 20	size 14	size 4	size 8
T-Shirts	L	M	S	M
Jumpers	L	M	M	M
Coats & Jackets (Summer & Winter)	L	M	M	S
Gym clothes		M	S	S
Hijab	Yes	Yes	No	No

Blessings

Geoff

Rev Geoff Andrew