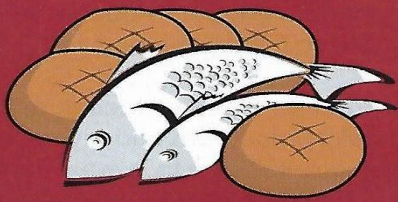


Fund for Human Need

Registered Charity No. 208866



Where a little means a lot
No. 3 - 2022

THANK YOU

We are very grateful to all who are supporting us in what is for everyone a very difficult time. Regular donations are especially helpful as we seek to meet a demand for help that is likely to be greater than ever in the coming months.

A special thanks to those whose gifts have been made anonymously or for whom we have no addresses to send our thanks.

Celebrating 60+ years of 'loving our neighbours'

Difficult times.

While we are all facing difficult times and much uncertainty, we have been out collecting support to keep on helping those who need us most, those without access to benefits and support of any type, the homeless and refugees already in our neighbourhoods.

Seeking support at conference, Gill the Admin with: on the left Sri-Lankan, Rev David Jebb, Super in the Romford Circuit. On the right is Fijian, Rev Manoa Ratubalavu, Minister in the East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire Circuit, also Chaplain to the Fijian Community in Great Britain



A lovely sunny, busy Greenbelt, Thanks to the Palmer family for help manning the stall



Letting everyone know what we do, Conference 2022



FHN Chairman Revd Roger Cresswell with Patron The Rt Hon. the Lord Boateng who gave this year's Beckly lecture. After discussing what would it look like to be a 'Global Britain' which prioritises peace and justice and how the Church might speak into this debate. Lord Boateng left us with 'Vukuzenzele' - a Xhosa word and means: 'get up and do it yourself'. Encouraging us all to do what we can.

Our own Greenbelt hotspot



Thanks to those who stopped by for a chat, donated, bought cards and took leaflets to spread the news.

Keeping in touch – we send our newsletter three times a year, by post or email, to all supporters and interested parties. We get in touch to find out your mailing preferences. If at any time, these change, please let us know. This and any other correspondence to:

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Running the Fund for Human Need

Why I am involved with Fund for Human Need - Andy Kemp

"Poverty is fundamentally about a lack of cash . . . You can't pull yourself up by your bootstraps if you have no boots." — Rutger Bregman, Utopia for Realists

In most respects I have had a very fortunate life. I have never been desperately short of money and I've always had boots. But I have met and got to know many people whose life experiences have been very different. As a church and community worker – in Toxteth, Liverpool in the 1980s, in Warrington in the 1990s, and on the Wirral in the 2000s – I witnessed just how difficult some people's circumstances become due to a temporary or permanent shortage of money. As Development Manager of Free Uniforms for School (FUSS) since 2015, I am very aware of families regularly making the impossible decision between buying food and purchasing school uniform for their children.



2013, when my friend and former colleague, the late Reverend David Woosley, invited me to become a Trustee of the Fund for Human Need, it did not take me long to decide to accept. The idea of providing one-off crisis payments to people in destitution, with little or no recourse to funds – payments often enabled by agencies working with individuals and families 'on the ground' – spoke to so many of the situations I have encountered in ministry.

Bregman says "Free money works. Research has correlated unconditional cash disbursements with reductions in crime, child mortality, malnutrition and truancy, and with improved school performance, economic growth, and gender equality. 'The big reason poor people are poor is because they don't have enough money,' notes economist Charles Kenny, 'and it shouldn't come as a huge surprise that giving them money is a great way to reduce that problem.'"

During my time as a FHN Trustee I have not been an office-holder, my various work commitments have not allowed enough time for this. But I have participated in the ongoing discussion at Trustees' meetings as to how we can best fulfil the charity's purposes, contributed ideas on attracting greater attention to our work – within Methodism and beyond – and supported the office-holders in the important roles they play.

I am an 'FHN Friend' in the Liverpool Methodist District, and as the pandemic restrictions on gathering ease, I hope to make more churches and groups aware of FHN's significance and elicit their support. My own church, as part of its commitment to being an 'Inclusive Church', has adopted FHN as its charity for this year. In 2020 our church hosted more than fifty asylum-seekers, for meals, recreation, counselling and language lessons. FHN helps many refugees and other people displaced by homelessness, health-issues and relationship break-up, throughout the UK. It actively expands our notion of Benevolent Funds for neighbours in need, to a truly national scale.

Andy Kemp 01/08/2022

How You helped: Diane* and her children were the victims of severe domestic violence including coercive control. When they managed to escape (her ex-partner has since been convicted) the 3 children had to be taken into care due to their special needs. Removed to a different part of the country Diane* has now been allowed to become a joint tenant in a property with a relative and the children are now able to join her as soon as appropriate aids are in place. Diane* has medical issues of her own due to abuse, the children's needs vary with one child who has severe learning and medical issues including incontinence. At the moment she only receives basic universal credit and child benefit, personal independence payments for 2 of the children are pending, as is housing benefit. Diane* would like some help with basics household items and furnishing for the children's rooms to get the spaces ready for them, also children's clothing. Award £120. Feb 22

*Name changed to protect identity

Our new Charity Cards

Due to the popularity of our last cards, we have now teamed up with **The pen and Camera club of Methodism** to produce a new range. By request these are A6 cards, in packs of 5 using images from the club exhibition of 2022.

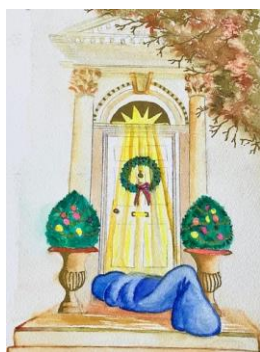
Our previous card sales have raised over £800 Contributing to Out work helping those in the UK in the most desperate situations due to poverty brought on by all types of difficulties and

problems. Thank you to everyone who made donations for cards and helped raise these funds. The new cards are suitable for all occasions being blank inside. Minimum suggested donation £3.00 per pack. Additional Postage and Packing £0.55 per pack up to a maximum of £3.50. Contact Admin to buy or for any further information.

Pack 2



Pack 1



We also have **Christmas Cards**, 2 designs both original artwork. Christmas 1 is a modern nativity, Christmas 2 highlights the issue of homelessness, something we deal with a lot. These too are A6 cards and envelopes with 5 in a pack. (Single design in each pack) Minimum suggested donation £3.00 per pack. Additional Postage and Packing £0.55 per pack up to a maximum of £3.50. Contact Admin to buy or for any further information.

Our thanks to the artists, J Sams and F Bowman.

Pen and Camera Club of Methodism

The Pen and Camera Club is about the oldest Postal Portfolio in existence having been founded in 1904 by the Rev'd H. Mudie Draper as a cultural activity of the Methodist Wesley Guild, and has a proud history of over one hundred years of photographic and artistic activity.

The current range of folios is: Monochrome, Colour Prints, Digital Imaging, Project Digital Images (PDI) and Art. Members enjoy the fellowship of the various folios and the help that comes from constructive comments on each other's work. Although it is a postal club members meet for the AGM and exhibition. If you feel that you would like to practice your photography, or art, within a warm Christian fellowship THEY would love to hear from you.

Membership is aimed at active Methodists, although it is open to others who share the same interests.

For more information and contact details:

<http://www.penandcamera.org.uk/>

The Pen and Camera Club
Of Methodism

Founded 1904



How You helped: Normally we require applications to be made by post or email and as most of those who contact us are people who have a contact address to receive benefits and maintain access to other agencies, this is rarely a problem. Edward* however is a street sleeper who telephoned. We had quite a discussion and he explained that he had no one who could help him apply on line, had been given our number by Turn2us after his universal credit was reduced to £2.50 for the month by sanctions and paying back budgeting loans. Desperate for new clothes especially shoes, he had a friend he trusted where post could be sent and we arranged an award of £110. April 2022 * name changed

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How You helped: We work with all types of support organisations who have front line knowledge of those in need, the recent and ongoing war in Ukraine has seen us helping refugees from there, both directly and via their hosts.

"Dear FHN your details have been passed to me from the Local Community Foundation. We have recently taken in a guest, Ana* under the Government Homes for Ukraine scheme and we are looking for some financial assistance towards her travel costs (bus season ticket). She has arrived with no money and no income. She doesn't speak much English. We are providing her with food, clothing and essentials but this is obviously quite costly.

We have helped her to apply for Universal Credit but are told this will take about 7 weeks to be paid. In the meantime, she needs to regularly travel to our local city for English lessons, job centre interview, trauma counselling, etc.

We have tried the Local Authorities and bus company but there isn't any support. Her travel costs for the next 6 weeks would be approximately £86.80."

June 2022, Award £90.

Thank you for the help for Ana*. We are so grateful for this which will help towards the cost of her travel to attend her English lessons and other important appointments, that she would otherwise not be able to do.

*Name changed

How You helped: Not all war refugees are blessed with support from individuals and organisations here.

"Good afternoon, my name is Sabina*. I arrived from Ukraine a month and a half ago. Upon arrival they gave me £200 and that's it. I live on this money for a month and a half, I have little food and this money is over. I came from Ukraine in winter clothes and I have nothing to wear now.

I didn't receive any payments. I don't know English and I was told that I need to learn English first so that I can work. Please help me with money so that I can buy myself some food and some second-hand clothes".

Award £110, Aug 2022. As well as the award we were able to point Sabina to other support via the Red cross,

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-help/get-help-as-a-refugee/help-for-refugees-from-ukraine>

*name changed to protect her identity.

DONATE. If you can help us in supporting individuals who have no access to relief funds or benefits, please see our website at:

http://fundforhumanneed.org.uk/?page_id=111

There you will find all the information you need on making a donation or regular gift.

Or you can contact us at:

fundhumanneed@gmail.com

Ph: 01325244992

The backbone of any charity is its fantastic committed supporters who, whatever the amount they can donate, give regularly. Is this something you can consider?

Standing Order – Regular giving is so valuable and if you can Gift Aid, it adds 25p to every £ donated. Details on the website or from Gill M.

Cheque - if you prefer to donate by cheque, these should be made out to 'Fund for Human Need' and directed to Gill Mason (Admin) at the address on page 1.

Other ways you can help

Other news outlets- Is there a local news outlet that you could pass our information to? Church or Circuit notices or magazines?

Resources - Our film, copies of this news sheet and other resources are available on the website – www.fundforhumanneed.org.uk

Electronic giving- We are on 'Just giving'.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundforhumanneed>



Try our QR code to go to the Just Giving site. (just point the camera of a smart phone at it.)

Home shopping- we are on **Smile Amazon** and **Give as you live**, if you nominate us, a percentage comes to us with no cost to you.

Synods - Do you go to Synod? Could you take some leaflets, staff a marketplace table? Maybe you could speak for us? All materials provided.

Greetings and Christmas Cards- could you send for and sell on some of our cards? Its more cost effective to send a big pack to one person. Phone Gill to discuss.