

# What's happening in the news?



Let's have a look at the poster...

Ukraine Special





Picture News

**What are other countries doing to help Ukraine?**

## Let's look at the story



Following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, thousands of people have left their homes to reach areas where they think they will be safe. The United Nations have estimated that at least 100,000 people have already left their homes.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson said that the UK needed to do everything it could to help Ukraine's economy and support its government.

Thousands of people have already crossed into neighbouring countries including Romania, Moldova and Poland.





## Core Value: Compassion



God



Creation



Fall



People of God



Incarnation



Gospel



Salvation



Kingdom of God







Look at the resource below, which shares some information about the story.

## What's happening in Ukraine?

Ukraine and Russia have a lot of unsettled history. The two countries used to be part of the Soviet Union, from 1922-1991. Some Ukrainians want their country to have closer ties to the western countries, but others want it to have closer ties to Russia. Over the past few days, Russia have launched a wave of attacks on Ukraine with Russian forces launched a major military assault on Ukraine on Thursday morning.

## How are Ukraine's neighbouring countries helping?

Countries who share a border with Ukraine have been preparing for the arrival of refugees. Maia Sandu, Moldova's president said she was prepared to help Ukrainian refugees. Slovakia, Hungary and Poland have also said they are ready to welcome refugees and are sending extra troops to manage people arriving at crossings set up on their borders with Ukraine.



**Pictured above:** Ukraine in orange and Russia in Green

## How are the UK and wider world helping Ukraine?

Prime Minister Boris Johnson has announced sanctions to have a negative impact on the Russian economy and he's said that the UK was one of the first countries in Europe to send defensive weapons to help Ukraine.

There are many charities that are offering support including **UNICEF**, who are working across eastern Ukraine to deliver life-saving programmes for children. **Sunflower of Peace** is another charity who are helping paramedics and doctors, and have been fundraising for supplies, which include medical backpacks.

# Read the parable of the Good Samaritan...



A man was travelling from Jerusalem to Jericho. He was all alone, he was on foot and it was a very dangerous route. All of a sudden, some robbers leapt out from their hiding place, stole the man's money, beat him up and left him by the side of the road.

Shortly after, another man walked down the same road. He was a very important priest at the temple, but he just took one look at the man, crossed to the other side of the road and walked on by.

Not long afterwards, another figure appeared. He was a Levite, someone who also worked at the temple, someone who you'd expect to help. So what do you think he did? Rush to help the poor man? No, he did exactly the same thing as the priest, he crossed to the other side of the road and walked straight past!

# Read the parable of the Good Samaritan...



Much later third man came down the road and he was riding on his donkey. This man was a Samaritan. The Samaritans did not get on at all well with the other people around them. Did the Samaritan walk on by and ignore the man who had been hurt by the robbers because he was not a Samaritan? No, he felt so sorry for the man that he rushed over to him, bandaged his wounds, helped him on to his donkey and took him to an inn in the next village. He gave the innkeeper some money to look after him until he was well again.

Jesus looked straight at the man who had asked him the tricky question and said, 'Which of the men do you think was a neighbour to the man who had been robbed: the priest, the Levite or the Samaritan?' 'I suppose it was the Samaritan', replied the man. 'You have answered correctly,' said Jesus. 'A neighbour is anyone who needs your help, so now you need to go and help you neighbour, too!'



## What is compassion?

Share your thoughts to the questions below...

What is compassion? Who are your neighbours?

Can you think of a time in your life when you helped others?

Do you think the world be different if more people showed compassion?

What does the bible have to say?

"Generous persons will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed."  
*Proverbs 11:25*

Christians believe that their behaviours and thoughts must reflect the kindness and compassion of Jesus and the love of God for everyone.



# Time for prayer



Lord, open our eyes, that we may see you in our brothers and sisters.

Lord, open our ears, that we may hear the cries of the hungry, the cold, the frightened, the oppressed.

Lord, open our hearts, that we may love each other as you love us.

Renew in us your spirit.

Lord, free us and make us one.

Amen

*Prayer by St Theresa*

# Time for worship



## When I needed a neighbour



# Time for worship



## When I needed a neighbour

When I needed a neighbour,  
Were you there, were you there?  
When I needed a neighbour, were you  
there?  
And the creed and the colour  
And the name won't matter,  
Were you there?

I was hungry and thirsty...  
I was cold, I was naked...  
When I needed a shelter...  
When I needed a healer...

Wherever you travel  
I'll be there, I'll be there  
Wherever you travel, I'll be there  
And the creed and the colour  
And the name won't matter  
I'll be there