

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Exodus 18: 7 *“So Moses went out to meet his father-in-law and bowed down and kissed him. They greeted each other and then went into the tent.”*

Luke 18: 3 *“...and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them.”*

In their wanderings in the wilderness after their escape from Egypt, the Israelites would have had no permanent houses. They lived in tents which were made using fabric woven from goat or camel hair. This material had properties that made it suitable for hot summers as well as cold and wet winters.

Paul had tent-making skills and he helped Aquila and his wife Priscilla in Corinth make tents which may well have been in demand as shelter for refugee Jews who had been forced out of Rome by Emperor Claudius.

The forced mass movement of people resonates with today particularly in Ukraine. Refugees camped in tents are all too common in God's world today. We should not forget them in our prayers regardless of who they are or where they have come from.