

**The St Luke's Charity for the Month - December 2020**  
**THE BRIDGE TRUST**

The Bridge Trust is a small local Charity, founded in 1991, which provides accommodation, advice and one-to-one support for homeless people. Over the last twenty years, it has helped over 6,000 people and rehoused over 700 of them. It has five properties, providing temporary accommodation for 23 people, but its main aim is to help the homeless transform their lives by achieving independence and a home of their own.

Last year, St Luke's donated £415 to the Bridge Trust, much of which was donated in a collection during the Carol Service. At the time of writing, it is not known if the church will be open in December and we obviously will not be able to have our usual Carol Service. If the church is open on the third Sunday, 20th, the collections will go to the Charity of the Month. On other Sundays, donations can be given in the envelopes at the back of the church (preferably with the Gift Aid declaration, where possible) or donations may be sent to the Trust by post or online via Just Giving (<https://www.justgiving.com/bridgetrust>).

For most of us this year, Christmas will be very different and restricted. But at least we will have the security, warmth and comfort of our homes. Let us give thanks for this and show our gratitude to God by giving generously to those less fortunate than ourselves by supporting The Bridge Trust.

More information can be obtained from St Luke's Champion, Dennis Mihill, or directly from their website [www.thebridgetrust.org.uk](http://www.thebridgetrust.org.uk).

*What! Giving again? Must I keep giving and giving, again?  
"Oh no" said the angel, piercing me through,  
"Only 'till God stops giving to you".*

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU**