

Dear Friends

Tomorrow is World Refugee Day. This is an annual event, held on the same date each year. World Refugee Day honours the strength and courage of refugees and encourages public awareness and support of the refugees, people who have had to flee their homelands because of conflict or natural disaster.

Refugees are vulnerable and in need, misunderstood and maligned and often have very little or nothing of their possessions and little food. They often have to leave their homes with nothing or with only what they can carry. They suffer cold, hunger, trauma, despair, disease, violence and loss. The awareness day is to help public understanding of refugees as well as raising support and help.

Across the world, agencies, both governmental and non-governmental, work tirelessly to help refugees but with people being made refugees daily more help and awareness is constantly needed. It is important to ensure that refugees are treated fairly and provided for rather than being neglected or shunned and there are projects to re-settle and provide for them. World Refugee Day highlights all of this.

I am sure we would all agree with UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres when he says:

“Refugees need global solidarity and the ability to rebuild their lives in dignity”.

*In Christ there is no east or west,  
In him no south or north,  
But one great fellowship of love  
Throughout the whole wide earth.*

*In him shall true hearts everywhere  
Their high communion find,  
His service is the golden cord  
Close-binding humankind.*

*Join hands, united in the faith,  
Whate'er your race may be!  
Who serves my Father as a son  
Is surely kin to me.*

*In Christ now meet both east and west,  
In him meet south and north,  
All Christ-like souls are one in him,  
Throughout the whole wide earth.*

Blessings

Allan

Rev. J. Allan Taylor

**Resources/Good News****Refugee Week, 17 June to 23 June**

Refugee Week takes place every year across the world in the week around World Refugee Day on the 20 June. In the UK, Refugee Week is a nationwide programme of arts, cultural and educational events that celebrate the contribution of refugees to the UK and encourages a better understanding between communities.

Refugee Week started in 1998 as a direct reaction to hostility in the media and society in general towards refugees and asylum seekers. An established part of the UK's cultural calendar, Refugee Week is now one of the leading national initiatives working to counter this negative climate, defending the importance of sanctuary and the benefits it can bring to both refugees and host communities.

[Refugee Week – 17 – 23 June 2024](#)

**Saturday 22 June, Knaphill Coffee Morning:**

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**Allan Taylor**

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Refreshments from 09.15

If you would like to attend please email [gmc.info@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gmc.info@hotmail.co.uk)



## Whitechapel Mission

Godalming United Church, Bridge Road, GU7 3DT will be holding its annual collection in support of the Whitechapel Mission which supports homeless people in London. We are collecting men's clothing, non-perishable breakfast foods and toiletries between 28th June and 8th July 2024. Please see church website to check items which are in need and the times when you can drop off any donations. [www.guc.org.uk](http://www.guc.org.uk)

Any queries please contact Ryan Kelley 01483 423261 or Kate Parminter [kateparminter@gmail.com](mailto:kateparminter@gmail.com) or visit [www.whitechapel.org.uk](http://www.whitechapel.org.uk)

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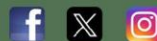
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2024

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*Everyone welcome*

Thursday 23 May

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Thursday 27 June

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Thursday 25 July

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Thursday 22 August

*- each month features a different charity*

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