



19th to 25th June 2017

Refugee Week was first held in the UK in 1998 and was developed in response to the increasingly negative perceptions of refugees and asylum seekers held at that time by the general public in Britain.

Refugee Week provides a platform where positive images of refugees can be promoted in order to create a culture of welcome throughout the UK. The aim is to create better understanding between different communities and to encourage successful integration, enabling refugees to live in safety and to continue making a valuable contribution to the UK.

Refugee Week is a unique opportunity for us all to experience and celebrate the rich diversity of refugee communities, through theatre, music, dance, film & other events, which take place all over the UK.

In Woking, this event is being organised by **Woking People of Faith** – www.wpof.org.uk (more about this organisation in the next edition) and **St Dunstan's Catholic Church** will be hosting these events.

This is what **Garry Shore, Coordinator of Woking People of Faith**, says on www.wpof.org.uk

“After last year’s successful event, Woking People of Faith will once more be charged with organising Refugee Week 2017. The event will bring greater awareness to the plight of so many people seeking sanctuary. With such a diverse set of terrible circumstances afflicting whole nations we need to show our compassion.

Please join us and help bring some small shred of grace and peace into their world.”

- 19th to 24th June - Art exhibition at St. Dunstan's depicting a “Journey Together”
- 20th June - From 7:30pm official opening by the Mayor, entertainment TBC and community Iftar (join Muslims as they break their fast)
- 24th June - Children's stories in Woking Library (details TBC)
- 24th June – “A Conversation With” - witness and prize giving at St. Dunstan's Church.

Look out for further news in the weekly Newsletter and on the screens in the Narthex.

John Sexton
Chairman, St Dunstan's Parish Team
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