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2017

Upcoming Events:

Refugee Week Swindon: Different Pasts, Shared Future 19th to 25th June

Lots of wonderful events are planned! Full details and tickets: www.facebook.com/SwindonCOS/

Here's a sample:

- ✂ Thurs 22nd: **Sanctuary Soiree**, Darkroom Espresso, 6:30-8:30pm, free but tickets required
- ✂ Fri 23rd: **Friday Night Film & Performance**, Central Community Centre, 8-11pm, tickets £5
- ✂ Sat 24th: **Global Tea Party**, Christ Church Community Centre, 1-4pm, free admission
- ✂ Sat 24th: **Saturday Night Music & More**, The Beehive, 8-11pm, free admission
- ✂ Sun 25th: **Musical Acoustic Afternoon**, Central Library Courtyard, 12-3pm, free admission

BBQ for Refugees & Asylum Seekers

Sat 1st July, for lunch

Lydiard Park, Swindon

Call Steve Aftelak on 536815 if you can help drive a family to and/or from the BBQ or help on the day.

National J&P Conference 21st–23rd July

www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference/

Deanery J&P Contacts:

- **Holy Rood**
Paul Hatch, Noreen Bint
- **Holy Family**
George Timuri
- **St Joseph's, Wroughton**
Steve Aftelak
- **St Mary's Cricklade**
Monica Potter
- **St Mary's Swindon**
Rachel Pryor, Mark Donovan
- **St Peter's**
Liz & Robert Barrett, Louise Burke, Esther Gueu, Gitti & Eric Hayes, and Sameh Salar

Next J&P Group meetings:

Wed 7th Jun, Wed 5th July, Wed 6th Sept, all 7:30-9pm. No August meeting. For venue or enquiries, email swindon.deanery@me.com

Swindon Catholic Deanery Justice & Peace Group Newsletter

J&P Group Chair: Steve Aftelak

Website: www.swindoncatholicdeanery.co.uk; select "Justice & Peace Group"

The Bishops' Conference asks us to consider these issues in General Election

Justice & Peace issues feature strongly in The Catholic Bishops' Conference's letter to Catholics as we approach the General Election on June 8th. The Bishops urge us to vote, and to use four key principles from Pope Francis to guide our thinking: "...a deep desire to change this world and leave this earth a better place than we found it;" "We love this human family with all its tragedies and struggles;" "The earth is our common home;" "We are all brothers and sisters."

The Bishops ask us to consider where our candidate stands on each of the following 10 issues:

1. LEAVING THE EUROPEAN UNION
2. ISSUES ON FAMILY AND LIFE
3. CRIMINAL JUSTICE
4. MIGRATION
5. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS
6. FREEDOM OF RELIGION AND BELIEF
7. HELPING THE WORLD'S POOREST
8. CARING FOR THE VULNERABLE
9. EDUCATION
10. MODERN SLAVERY

"Please do vote. Your vote is a matter of conscience. It is your judgement about all that God wants of us, both personally and as a society."

For example, the Bishops ask us to consider where our candidates stand on helping the poorest, in terms of health, social care and housing. For the full letter and more detailed questions under each of the 10 issues, see: catholicnews.org.uk/election17-bishops-message-news



THE GENERAL ELECTION 2017

A letter to Catholics in England and Wales from their Bishops

CAFOD Young Volunteers celebrate!

Seventy-one young people from 6 Catholic Secondary Schools in the Clifton Diocese met at Bristol Zoo on May 9th to complete their CAFOD Young Volunteering programme. Between them they reached over 28,000 people through their projects this year.

Congratulations especially to the young people from St Joseph's College in Swindon! (They're to the right of Bishop Declan in the photo.)

