

**Jul-Sep  
2017**



**Upcoming Events:**

**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day**  
Fri 6<sup>th</sup> October

**Quiz Night for The Harbour Project**  
Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Oct, 7-10:30pm  
St Joseph's Catholic College  
<https://www.facebook.com/TheHarbourProject/events>

Tickets £10, which includes a fish & chips supper (vegetarian option available) from website linked above, or call 01793 611682 or [info@harbourproject.org.uk](mailto:info@harbourproject.org.uk)

**Interfaith Group Reception**  
Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Nov, 7:30pm  
Pilgrim Centre

Event to mark Interfaith Week, to be attended by the Mayor.

**Threshold Housing Fundraising Sleep-out**  
Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec, car park of Immanuel Church, Upham Road  
Annual Sleep-out to raise funds and awareness for the Threshold Housing Link. Register by emailing [adminthreshold@thl.org.uk](mailto:adminthreshold@thl.org.uk)

**The Harbour Project Curry & Raffle**  
Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7 for 7:30pm.  
Jewel in The Crown Restaurant  
Tickets: as for the Quiz Night—details above.

**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
- **Deanery CAFOD Rep:**  
Deacon Terry Aspell

**Next J&P Group meetings:**  
Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Nov, Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec, Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan.  
No October meeting. Meetings are 7:30-9pm. For venue or enquiries, email [swindon.deanery@me.com](mailto:swindon.deanery@me.com)

**Seeing beyond the tea and biscuits**

The donations from our parishes to The Harbour Project of tea, coffee, sugar and biscuits are all gratefully enjoyed but what they reflect is appreciated even more.

WELCOME HAPPY FAMILY THEY CARE!



A recent survey asked asylum seekers and refugees in Swindon to sum up what they thought of The Harbour in a word, and 'family', 'happy' and 'help' were right up there. When asked what they particularly liked about The Harbour, one theme dominated: not things, nor even specific practical help, but 'they care'. So, thank you for your donations which go such a long way!

**Holy Rood Primary's Rainbow Day**

The Catholic community's support for The Harbour Project for refugees and asylum seekers goes beyond tea and biscuits! On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, Holy Rood Primary School held a 'Rainbow Day' to support The Harbour Project. The children came to school dressed in red and they managed to raise £303 across their two sites.



**Summer BBQ at Lydiard Park**

The Swindon Catholic Deanery Justice & Peace Group hosted our annual BBQ at Lydiard Park on 1<sup>st</sup> July for asylum seekers and refugees. This has become something of a tradition and is always eagerly anticipated by visitors to The Harbour Project. There were more than 60 there to enjoy the range of Halal beef burgers, frankfurters, chicken burgers and veggie alternatives.

We took over two of the large sites at the Lydiard Park picnic area, which provided space not only for us all to sit and enjoy the food and each other's company but also for the youngsters to play together. It was good for us to see not only Harbour visitors from the past but newcomers to the Harbour as well. The Barbeque operates well at so many different levels, bringing people together.

