

## GOOD NEWS

### VOLUNTEERS

June 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> is Volunteer's week, the annual celebration of the contributions millions make across the UK in their communities. This is good news: an antidote to all the bad news that we so regularly hear. There is much kindness and goodness around that does not hit the headlines.

### ECUMENISM

The Archbishop of York was in Rome recently. He said as regards Ecumenism "Actions speak louder than words".

### CARITAS INTERNATIONAL

"Let us raise our voices and tackle the extreme crisis. Millions of people face hunger due to recurring drought, conflicts and unjust food systems for which we are all responsible.

### NEW HOSPITAL

The government has announced it will be building a new women and children's hospital at Treliske with a state of the art facility.

## FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

### BANGLADESH

From a parish priest: "Education is the key to stop the custom of girls marrying as young as 13 years old."

The whole of society including schools, institutions and religious communities must be sensitised against early marriage.

UNICEF reports that 51% (4.5 million) are married before they are 18, though the law forbids this. 13 million are obliged to be married before they are 15. Such early marriage has many detrimental health and social consequences.

### NIGERIA

A Bishop has warned the new President "not to pretend that everything is OK. He should identify the causes of Nigeria's scars, wounds and injuries. Right now, 133 million Nigerians are suffering from various levels of multidimensional poverty".

President Bola Ahmed Tinubu of the All Progressive party was elected last week.

### DEBT

Money worries: New research by a credit card company shows that people typically wait until they are nearly £8000 in debt before trying to get help.

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

- For the 200 killed and those injured in the Indian rail crash.
- For the 155,000 refugees and asylum seekers waiting for their claims to be heard.
- That the processing of claims may be speeded up. Most of those coming across the channel in small boats are genuine asylum seekers and are successful in their applications when heard.

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