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PRAY FOR UKRAINE

PRAY FOR PEACE

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CARE HOMES

are now beginning to open up to having visitors again. This is wonderful news for residents, families and friends (I am RC chaplain to Langholme our local Methodist Care Home and have been invited to a “Welcome Back” party tomorrow.)

CHILDRENS GENEROSITY

Three little girls with smiling faces came to church on Sunday with beaming smiles on their faces, carrying a paper plate on which there was a five pound note, some pound coins and small change. They had made brownies and sold them in the park to raise funds for CAFOD’s Hunger campaign.

QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Street Parties are now being planned to mark this special occasion. What an opportunity!

My road’s invite says

“Dear lovely Highfield neighbours

Thanks to our lovely Queen we have the ideal opportunity for another street party. Let us know if you are willing to help out with organising games and decorating the street. Let’s hope for a lovely day and welcoming our newer neighbours to this amazing street. This invitation extends to your family and friends. There will be a fancy dress competition for children on the theme of royalty, and some Covid friendly party games.”

This epitomises how we need to appreciate each other and build community. BUT see below...

FOR REFLECTION & PRAYER

FOCUS ON THE EXPERIENCES OF REFUGEES IN THIS COUNTRY

- “we feel like we are in the zoo”
- “We feel we are down at the bottom like we are lower than you”
- There is destruction of autonomy in refugee detention centres
- Not being able to prepare one’s own meal or make a coffee
- Denial of basic health care
- Restriction on work
- We are stripped of hope.
- As on refugee said “they steal our time”; this encapsulates the experience in four short words

The Home Office is debasing and criminalising people fleeing for their lives, striking offshore deals with Rwanda as if trading goods, denying refugee status for years with a system with built in delays, using non-human words that imply these people have no value: “flood, swarm, processing centres, dispersal”

If we categorise and describe people as subhuman we shut off feelings and empathy is silenced. Something happens in our brains.

With restricted access to detention centres there is loss of transparency and accountability.

Jesuit Refugee Service

REACTION TO UKRAINE

There has been a wonderful outpouring of help and practical assistance for the people of Ukraine, but not for other refugees fleeing from these terrible circumstances, Tigray, Myanmar, Yemen, Afghanistan and Syria.

ACTION OF THE WEEK

Reflect on one of these news items and consider what your response may be, prayer and action?

SUPPORT EUAN ON THE BIKE PILGRIMAGE FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

I will be joining retired vicar Robert de Berry on a small part of his sponsored bike ride for persecuted Christians. Whilst he and other riders will be riding from Kent, to Land's End, Cornwall, and back, I will be joining them between Taunton and Penzance from 27-30 May.

Robert aims to raise £250,000 for Release International.

Release International is a Christian ministry working through local church partners in around 30 countries across the world, helping persecuted Christians prayerfully, pastorally and practically.

Can you help by sponsoring me on my section of the journey? There are several ways in which you can give:

- **Through the website:** <https://releaseinternational.org/give/> and select *Robert de Berry Bike Pilgrimage 2022* from the dropdown list.
- **By cheque:** made payable to Release International, write RdB on the back, include your name and address and send to: Freepost Release International.
- **By text:** text 22RDB followed by your donation amount to 70085.
- **By bank transfer:** account name: Release International; sort code: 40-52-40; account number: 00015341; please include the code 22RDB and your name.
- **Give me the cash when you next see me!** Please email me to confirm how much you wish to give at clethriomys@btinternet.com

As you all know, so many Christians are suffering for their faith all around the world. Please help make a difference for our persecuted sisters and brothers!

Thank you.

Euan McPhee, Falmouth Methodist Church.

*PS: the purpose of the weekly J and P news is to raise awareness, which can be shared by readers with other and invite responses to build a more just and peaceful world.
Any comments will be welcome.*

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