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REFUGEE WEEK 2021 - 14-20 JUNE

- The Jesuit Refugee Service and other agencies are calling for the closure of Napier Barracks used to
 house refugees and asylum seekers, since the High Court ruled it unlawful.
 Moreover, the mental health of residents there has been shown to deteriorate greatly and asylum
 seekers who have been tortured are automatically sent there.
- Flintshire City of Sanctuary have produced a short film for each day of 2021 refugee week.
 These provide an opportunity to journey with refugees this week and provide a sense of direction for us all walk together as community and individuals. These films can be viewed on YouTube, https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpgxc17Ph5eLv-Je9tvQycA
- Ecumenical Service for Refugee Week on Sunday 20th June at 4pm: watch at https://www.churchservices.tv/mold
- Many asylum seekers and refugees have suffered greatly before reaching this country at the end of a very long and hazardous journey. For those who have been tortured, their experiences of torture and physical abuse leave them in a very fragile and frightened state.
 You may like to find out more and how they can be helped ... look up https://www.freedomfromtorture.org/.
- Our Syrian Family, Nassar, Atma and their 4 children are now in Plymouth.
 Let us that the girls will be able to take their GCSE examinations and that Nassar's appeal for asylum will be upheld by the Immigration Authorities. It was heart-warming that Nassar was able to join us on zoom for our last Justice and Peace group meeting.

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We give thanks:

- That Cornwall was at its best for Saturday and Sunday, and that the world's leaders received a warm welcome from us here in Cornwall.
- For the many wonderful Waves of Hope with prayers written on outline hands that were generated all over Cornwall, and for all those who organised and participated in these.

- For the Young Christian Climate Network and the service at Truro Cathedral commissioning them as they set out on their relay walk to Glasgow for the COP26 meeting in November.
- For the CAFOD Young People who came down from London and spent many hours walking and praying.
- For the truly inspirational Interfaith service in Truro Cathedral, the good will and unity of purpose, the people who joined in from round the globe.
- For the Police from all over the country, who engaged informally and cheerfully with everybody and that demonstrations were peaceful.
- I did "walkabouts" in Falmouth on Saturday and Sunday and spoke with some of many people of all ages, backgrounds and locations who had come to Cornwall hoping to make their voices heard by the world leaders.
- Some had nowhere to stay, and a farmer opened up his field for them to camp for 5 nights.
- Some had walked from Plymouth to St. Ives.
- Some had vivid displays to hold high and attract attention, a world globe, a dead tree trunk and models of wildlife, plastic pollution, fossil fuels etc.
- I was really impressed by their relaxed peaceful presence, commitment and determination to stand up for justice and for the poor and marginalised of our world.
- Australian Television was broadcasting from Pendennis Point speaking of the united stand it was hoped Joe Biden and Boris Johnson would take as regards China.
- We did not hear much about the India, South Korea and Japan's leaders.
- We continue to pray for the fruits of G7 and for greater action by of world leaders to bring about a fairer distribution of resources, vaccines, action against climate change and fossil fuels, fairer world development and economy.

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