

Refugee Week 2021

14th - 20th June 2021

We Cannot Walk Alone

Children's Pack

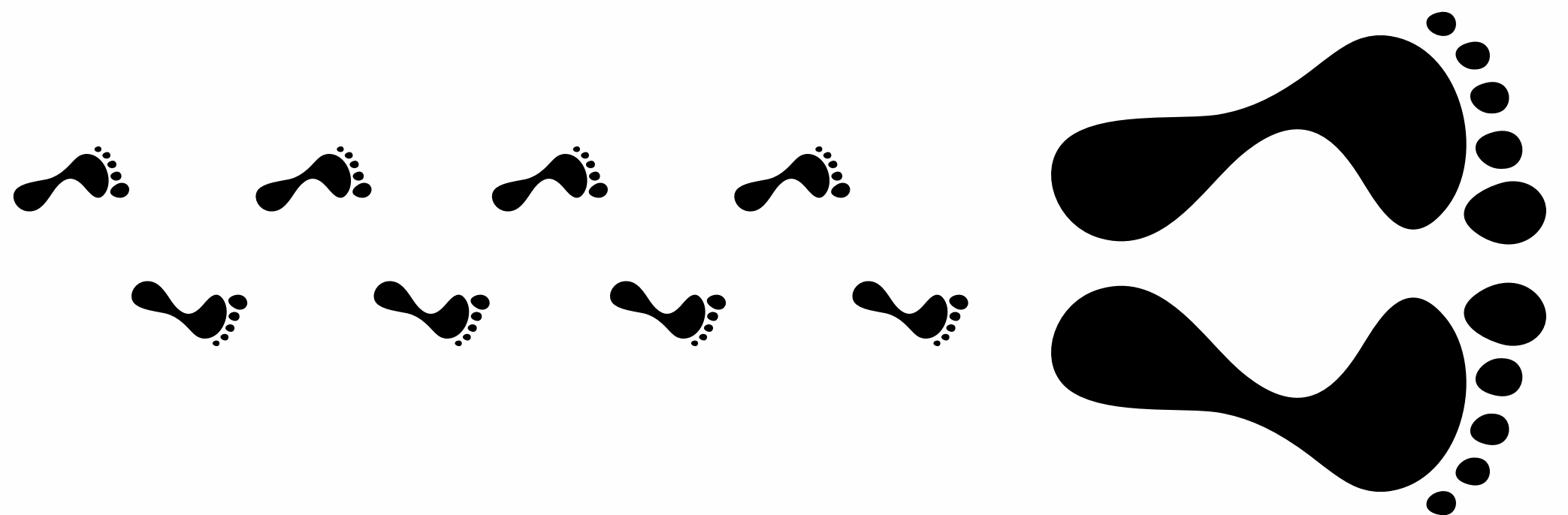
What is Refugee Week?

Refugee Week is a UK-wide festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary. Founded in 1998 and held every year around World Refugee Day on the 20th June.

Refugee Week is an umbrella festival, and anyone can get involved by holding or joining an event or activity.

What is Sanctuary Sunday?

Sanctuary Sunday is marked at the end of Refugee Week and aims to promote the Church of Sanctuary programme, building cultures of welcome, hospitality and safety in our churches. Find out more about Churches of Sanctuary on their website www.churchofsanctuary.org



“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

John 13:34-35

What does the word welcome/croeso mean? Can we say welcome in any other languages?

Why do you think it is important to make someone feel welcome?

Make a list of words and feeling associated with the word welcome.

How can we make people feel welcome when they come to church for the first time?

Explain that refugees are people who have been forced to leave their homes and are trying to rebuild their lives in a new country.

If a refugee family moved to your community and joined your church what do you think they will be feeling? If it were you, how would you like to be welcomed?

What would you take?

Show a selection of personal and essential items, and some luxuries. Ideas might include: first aid kit, water bottle, passport, phone and charger, photographs of family, a map, food, a Bible, a pillow, a teddy bear, a toy, a purse.

Ask the pupils, if you had to leave your home in a hurry which one thing would you take with you. You could ask for a volunteer to come up and talk through their choice. Why did you choose it? Was it difficult to choose?

Ask them: How would you feel if you had to leave your home in a hurry? How would you feel if you could never go back?

With thanks to Christian Aid, more ideas and resources are available at:

www.christianaid.org.uk/schools/refugees-assemblies

Lord, no one is a stranger to you, and no one is ever far from your loving care.

In your loving kindness be with all children and families who are forced to move away from their home, for whatever reason.

We pray that they are able to stay safe on their journey. Help us always to show your love and kindness to those in need.

Amen

The theme of this year's refugee week is "We cannot walk alone"

Who are the people that walk with you?

How do they support you? What does it mean when people talk about "God walking with them" or "walking in the light"



"We cannot walk alone" is from a famous speech made by Martin Luther King. Dr King also talked about his dreams for a future.

Do you have a dream for the future?

Option 1

Write your dream on a footprint. Join the footprints together through your church or in your churchyard. Discuss how you can all join together to support each others dreams.

Option 2

Write your dream on a piece of paper. Link the pieces together to make a paper chain. Discuss how you can all join together to support each others dreams.

How can other people support you to make you dream happen?

What could stand in the way of your dreams?

What can we all do to make sure things don't get in the way of our dreams?

Don't forget to share you work with us @llandaffdio

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You might like to make a welcome poster using different languages to display in the porch or entrance of your church so that everyone can see that they are welcome.