

20 SIMPLE ACTS for Refugees locally

1. **Pray** – join us on our solidarity walk on Sunday 17th 2-Please walk but if that's too much please join us at venues for short prayer
2. **Vigil** – Monday 18th June Chichester Cathedral have an all-day vigil call in and join them for a while.
3. **Read** a book about exile, refugee experience books commas press – Refugee tales or story of Gaza
4. **Collect** toiletries to donate to Red Cross refugee drop in Portsmouth
5. **Volunteer** to support refugees as a befriender, welcomer, English teacher, or train to give legal advice with Friends without Borders
6. **Donate** unwanted clothes and goods to a Red Cross shop
7. **Buy Fairtrade**
8. **Learn** more about modern slavery and how we can look out for the signs
9. **Tell** your own family stories of migration and exile
10. **Print** off one of the support refugee posters from refugee week website and put in your window at home www.refugeeweek.org
11. **Make** a welcome banner and invite new people into a community event.
12. **Help** the new refugee men's shed in North End Baptists - collecting tools
13. **Invite** someone who has recently moved the area for tea
14. **Write** to your MP about the hostile environment for asylum seekers
15. **Give** to refugee charity internationally or locally like Friends without Borders
16. **Organise** an information evening and fund raiser for refugees
17. **Feed:** North end Baptist church food bank gives food to refugee families as well as others in need
18. **Sign** the Share TheJourney petition to Mrs May to advocate for dignity and support for refugees throughout the world in September global meeting.
19. **Look at** joining the week-long walk <http://refugeetales.org/the-walk-of-2018/>
20. **Investigate** getting a church group together to sponsor a refugee family

Let us know if you are coming

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Refugee Solidarity Prayer Walk Sunday 17th June 2018

June marks 20 years of Refugee Week and in the Christian tradition of "*welcoming the stranger*" we invite all people to join us in a Sunday afternoon walk of solidarity in Emsworth.



We will stop at different churches along the way, to reflect and share stories from refugees themselves and think about practical ways we can help.

The walk is a great way to put us briefly in the footsteps of others. If you are unable to walk, please join us at stops along the way or help but taking up one of our "20 SIMPLE ACTS."

Christians Together Refugee Week in Emsworth

To mark 20 years of Refugee Week are asked to consider 20 simple actions we might take. On the back page are twenty suggested ACTIONS which we might take locally. These are just ideas for more information look online or chat with Maureen who will signpost you to the right person.

We will highlight one of the actions at each church. The idea is not that only people from one church can contribute to an action but that each church takes the lead on one, so we share out the work. Actions will take place for Refugee Week Sunday 17th June to Sunday 25th June

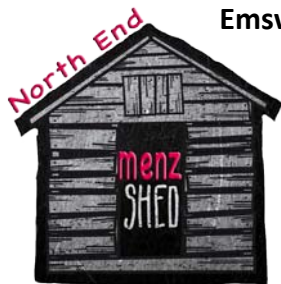
At each church we will listen to two very short stories from refugees, say a short prayer and highlight one action.

Ss Thomas' Catholic Church New Brighton Road 2.00 pm



Action 1. We will invite everyone to support CAFOD's "Share the journey" campaign to complete a card to the Prime Minister asking her to work with other world leaders to ensure the global compacts (agreements) on migration and refugees will respect human dignity.

As part of this campaign we are asked to walk together and add up our miles across the country to reach a total of 24,900 so that together we will have walked round the whole world. We will count our miles as we go.



Emsworth Baptist Church approx. 2.25 pm

Action 2. Collection of tools for the new men's shed at North End Baptist Church where refugee men and others will be invited to come together to build friendships by making things and preparing old tools for **Tools with a Mission**

Methodist Pastoral Centre approx. 2.45 pm



Action 3 Donate toiletries for Refugees. The **Red Cross** in Portsmouth run a drop-in for Portsmouth's c.160 refugees and asylum seekers at All Saint's Church. When we asked, what was needed, they suggested that packs of toiletries would be most helpful. A list of what's needed is available.

St Thomas a Becket, Warblington approx. 3.30



Action 4 Look at joining the Refugee Tales walk or reading stories from refugees written to support the **Gatwick Welfare Detainees Group**. *Refugee Tales I* and *II* books to buy £9 each.

www.refugeetales.org

Waterside URC approx. 4.30pm



Action 5 Welcoming everyone for a cup of tea at the end of our journey donations for **Friends without Borders** small charity supporting refugees in Portsmouth.



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