



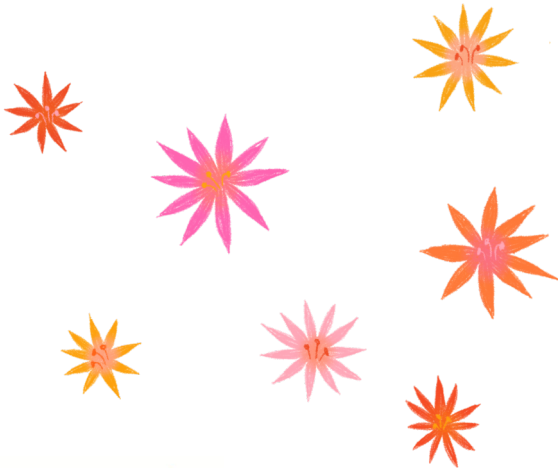
**Refugee
Week**

**SOUTH CARDIFF
MINISTRY AREA**



16 - 23 JUNE 2024

**OUR
HOME**



**WINDRUSH
DAY**



**THE GREAT
GET TOGETHER**

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**Fr Dean Atkins, South Cardiff
Ministry Area Leader, writes...**

Two years ago, when we first celebrated Refugee Week with *St Mary the Virgin Church in Wales Primary School*, we had no idea what a transformative experience it would be for us. It was a week filled with joy and happiness, but it also included many more emotions as we stood alongside those seeking sanctuary.

By the time we celebrated Refugee Week last year, the number of refugees in our School Community had increased to 10% which was significantly influenced by many refugees being accommodated in local hotels.

During the week, we also celebrate '*The Great Get Together*' from the Jo Cox Foundation, and we are now embedded in the '*More in Common Network*'.

If that isn't enough, the week also includes *Windrush Day* on June 22, a celebration close to our heart. Our

community has a strong West Indies heritage. It is something we celebrate.

This year, our celebrations for Refugee week extend across the whole Ministry area, moving out from Butetown to include Grangetown and Splott as we build upon everything we have experienced over the last two years.

Here, we are committed to working for strong communities that are hospitable and welcoming. We want to help create a world of compassion, and to be able to explore what it means to be at home with one another, how we can inhabit a shared space of respect, openness and love.

I hope you'll be able to share in this week's celebrations, as we work together for justice and peace, deepen our welcome and hospitality, and create a place where everyone can find a place to call home.

I look forward to celebrating with you!

OUR HOME



Refugee Week is the world's largest arts and culture festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of people seeking sanctuary

The theme for Refugee Week 2024 is 'Our Home'. From the places we gather to share meals to our collective home, planet earth: everyone is invited to celebrate what our Our Home means to them. Together, this Refugee Week let's practice our solidarity and make Our Home a more welcoming, safe and sustainable place for all.

Home can be a place of refuge, a feeling or a state of mind. It can be found in smells, tastes and sounds. From the clothes we wear to the words we grew up with. It's in food, music and arts. It's in our cultures and in our landscapes.

Home can be more than one place and finding it can be a journey, as it is for

so many of us who have to leave our countries and rebuild our lives. Sometimes we can find home in a single person. Other times it's in a whole community. And often, it's in a single gesture of care and welcome.

What would happen if this Refugee Week we extended our warmth and hospitality beyond our own homes and made entire neighbourhoods more welcoming? Together, we can work in solidarity to ensure all our neighbours, new and familiar, have safe and welcoming homes.

Our home is also global. We are interconnected; we share the earth's resources, climate and its challenges. As we speak, millions of people are being displaced from their homes because of the climate crisis. But, exchanging knowledge, both new and traditional, can help us in practical ways to build hope for the future.



THE GREAT GET TOGETHER

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The Great Get Together (21-23 June 2024) is the UK's annual celebration of everything that unites our communities, inspired by Jo Cox's belief that we have more in common than that which divides us.

The need to celebrate unity and reject division is as relevant now as it was when the first Great Get Together took place in 2017. This June, on what would have been Jo's 50th birthday, we hope her message will continue to inspire our communities to bring people together.

Since its first year in 2017, the Jo Cox Foundation has run the Great Get Together every June, in which hundreds of community events across the UK take place on the weekend closest to Jo's birthday. These events celebrate unity and reject division, bridging divides and demonstrating our shared humanity.

This is now the third year that South

Cardiff Ministry Area has been involved, and we love being part of the More in Common Network.

The *More in Common Network* is a collection of groups and partnerships across the UK who champion Jo Cox's powerful 'more in common' message to bridge divides in their communities.

Through the Network, we're building a movement of people who are skilled and confident in identifying and bridging divides. While the Network is made up of different groups and partnerships, we are united by a shared 'more in common approach' that emphasises connection across lines of difference and demonstrates unity and cohesion.

With events taking place across Cardiff, we also have some hyperlocal events in Butetown, Grangetown and Splott, including our Barbecue on Sunday June 23 which will wrap up and celebrate all we have experienced during the week.



Windrush Day marks the anniversary of the arrival at the Port of Tilbury, near London of Empire Windrush and her 1027 passengers from the Caribbean, who disembarked on 22 June 1948.

It encourages communities to celebrate those who came to the UK from Caribbean islands and other Commonwealth countries after a call for people to fulfil the post-war labour shortage.

The arrival of the Empire Windrush marked an important moment in Britain's history and has come to represent the rich diversity of this nation.

Those who arrived on the Empire Windrush, their descendants, those who came before them and those that followed after them, have all made, and continue to make, an enormous contribution to Britain and Wales, not

just in the vital work of rebuilding the country and public services following WWII but in enriching our shared social, economic, cultural and religious life. The national day was announced in 2018 to honour people arriving in the UK between 1948 and 1971 from Caribbean and other Commonwealth countries who have been labelled the Windrush Generation following the scandal resulting from the UK Government's "hostile environment" policy.

This saw a number of people wrongly detained, denied benefits and losing access to the NHS. Overcoming great sacrifice and hardship, the Windrush Generation and their descendants have gone on to lead the field across public life, in business, the arts and sport. Wales and Britain would be much diminished without their contribution and that of all those that came from the Caribbean Islands both before and after them.

Text: www.windrushday.wales

Sunday 16 June



1100 HRS CROESO / WELCOME MASS @ ST MARY'S

We'll be celebrating on Sunday—as we usually do—with a joyful Sung Mass which we offer in anticipation of the whole week ahead.

We'll begin with words of welcome in all the languages associated with the families of St Mary's school, and share more of the week ahead.

Our reflection spaces will also be in place, as well as our Children's 'Refugee Book Corner' which you're invited to explore!

(There are also the usual celebrations of Mass across the Ministry Area. In Grangetown at St Paul's Church at 8am and 10.30 am, and Ss Dyfrig and Samson Church at 9.15am. In Splott at St Saviour's Church at 9.30am)

VENUE
ST MARY'S CHURCH, BUTETOWN

1200 HRS ICE CREAM SUNDAY

After Mass, it's time for an ice cream in the gardens.

All are welcome—you don't have to join us for Mass. So whatever your faith, feel free to pop by for an ice cream at 12 noon in the gardens, and find out what's in store for the days to come!

VENUE
ST MARY'S CHURCH, BUTETOWN



Monday 17 June



THROUGH THE DAY BREAK OUT IN BUTETOWN

During the day, staff from St Mary's School will be taking a walk through Faithful Butetown, visiting various places of worship and landmarks of different faiths and cultures, from the past and the present, ending at Cardiff Bay and the statues of Gandhi and the Rugby Codebreakers. We'll be handing out packets of wildflower seeds, packaged by the children with a message for Refugee Week, and maybe we'll even have time for a coffee or an ice cream!

It is anticipated that Eid may be celebrated today, so it will be a great time to enjoy the celebratory atmosphere in Butetown.

VENUE
ST MARY'S CHURCH & OTHER
LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT
BUTETOWN

1800 HRS MASS @ ST MARY'S

It's time for us to pause a while for a short time of worship as we celebrate Mass. The intention today is for Christians who experience persecution.

VENUE
ST MARY'S CHURCH, BUTETOWN

1830 HRS JUSTICE CAFÉ

Over 360 million Christians suffer persecution and discrimination. Tonight, we will be joined by Jim Stewart from the charity, Open Doors which supports Christians in more than 70 countries. This event will share the voices of Christians who suffer persecution, many of whom flee their homes as refugees. Light refreshments will be served as part of this event.

VENUE
ST MARY'S CHURCH, BUTETOWN

Tuesday 18 June



1100 HRS FAITHFUL BUTETOWN (I)

Beginning at the Betty Campbell statue we'll be journeying through Butetown with our twinned Primary School from Blaenavon to discover a multicultural community in which different faiths have played such an important part. We'll stop along the way to watch the statue of Betty Campbell come to life with an interactive play for children performed at St Mary's Church. The play reveals the growth of Cardiff and what made the historic community of Tiger Bay so significant, and discover what it has to reveal today. We're also inviting teaching representatives from other school as a taster session, so they can find out more about how 'Faithful Butetown' can open the eyes of children and young people to the world!

VENUE
ST MARY'S CHURCH & OTHER
LOCATIONS IN BUTETOWN

1300 HRS A JOURNEY THROUGH BUTETOWN

Another performance of the Betty Campbell play for two different classes of children, as we hear the story of Butetown and this historic part of Cardiff unveiled through the life of Betty Campbell.

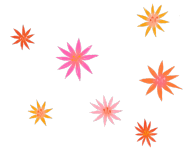
VENUE
ST MARY'S CHURCH, BUTETOWN

1900 HRS MASS @ ST MARY'S

It's time for us to pause a while for a short time of worship as we celebrate Mass. The intention today is those who are homeless, and all for whom 'home' is not a safe place to be.

VENUE
ST MARY'S CHURCH, BUTETOWN

Wednesday 19 June



1000 HRS **SANCTUARY** **SCHOOL MASS**

Each week, a class from St Paul's School celebrates Mass at St Paul's Church. This week, we'll be blessing and distributing wildflower seeds to care for the world, and to share a message of welcome and support for Refugees.

VENUE
S PAUL'S CHURCH, GRANGETOWN

1100 HRS **SANCTUARY** **SCHOOL MASS**

Each week, children from St Mary's School gather for Mass in Church. This week, we'll be blessing and distributing wildflower seeds to care for the world, and to share a message of welcome and support for Refugees.

VENUE
ST MARY'S CHURCH, BUTETOWN

AFTERNOON **SANCTUARY** **GARDEN**

With St Mary's School, we'll be creating our potted Sanctuary Herb Garden, a living larder to the whole community!

AFTERNOON **TIME TO REFLECT**

St Mary's Church will be open for you to explore the children's reflection spaces, and share your own messages and prayers.

VENUE
ST MARY'S CHURCH, BUTETOWN

1530 HRS **ANIMATED AT** **ST MARY'S SCHOOL**

Year 6 of St Mary's School will be sharing and celebrating the outcomes of their brilliant animation project with parents and families.

VENUE: ST MARY'S SCHOOL

Thursday 20 June



1000 HRS FAITHFUL BUTETOWN (II)

Another journey for invited schools begins at the Betty Campbell statue, as we move through Butetown to discover a multicultural community in which different faiths have played such an important part. We'll stop along the way to watch the statue of Betty Campbell come to life with an interactive play for children performed at St Mary's Church.

VENUE
ST MARY'S CHURCH & OTHER
LOCATIONS IN BUTETOWN

1230 HRS MASS @ ST MARY'S

Our daily celebration of Mass. The intention today is for good relationships between people of different faiths.

VENUE
ST MARY'S CHURCH, BUTETOWN

1300 HRS JOURNEY THROUGH BUTETOWN

Another performance of the Betty Campbell play for two different schools, as we hear the story of Butetown and this historic part of Cardiff unveiled through the life of Betty Campbell.

VENUE
ST MARY'S CHURCH, BUTETOWN

AFTERNOON FUNDRAISING WALK

St Paul's and Grangetown Primary Schools are getting a move on with their fundraising walk at the Marl in aid of Oasis.

1900 HRS OASIS CULTURAL CABARET

With music, poetry and performance, this Cabaret evening promises to be an amazing event of global proportions!

VENUE: OASIS, SPLOTT RD, SPLOTT

Friday 21 June



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1000 HRS TIME FOR MASS @ ST MARY'S

The intention today for today's Mass is for all who arrive in our city and communities seeking sanctuary and safety.

VENUE
ST MARY'S CHURCH, BUTETOWN

1030 HRS TIME FOR SCHOOLS

Throughout the week, children are invited to explore our Refugee Week reflection spaces, share some thoughts of concern and compassion, or offer messages of support. There's also a Book Corner and Treasure Hunts available.

VENUE
ST MARY'S CHURCH, BUTETOWN

1200—1500 HRS GLOBAL LUNCH @ OASIS, SPLOTT

With music and entertainment and food at its heart this is an open invitation to taste some global delights at the brilliant Oasis centre in Splott.

VENUE
OASIS, SPLOTT RD, SPLOTT

PM: GRANGETOWN GET TOGETHER

St Paul's and other Primary Schools are gathering for a picnic in the park for the Great Get Together!

VENUE: GRANGE GARDENS

1500 HRS GLOBAL PICNIC @ ST MARY'S SCHOOL

A Global Picnic with children, families and others for the Great Get Together!

VENUE
ST MARY'S SCHOOL, BUTETOWN

Saturday 22 June



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1130 HRS

MASS @ ST MARY'S

It's time for us to pause a while for a short time of worship as we celebrate Mass. The intention today is for all who work to support and welcome refugees and asylum seekers.

There is also Morning Prayer and Rosary as usual from 11am, and Coffee after Mass at 12 noon. Join us for a cuppa!

VENUE

ST MARY'S CHURCH, BUTETOWN

1230 HRS

WELSH REFUGEE COUNCIL CELEBRATIONS

The Welsh Refugee Council is taking over Cardiff Central Library which will be alive with colour and music, as we celebrate Refugee Week as well as Windrush Day and The Great Get Together weekend.

Come along and enjoy the fun!

VENUE

CARDIFF CENTRAL LIBRARY

1330 PM

ALoud @WMC

A celebration of song at Wales Millennium Centre with St Mary's, St Paul's and Tredegarville Primary Schools. 100 voices belting out some favourites and a rendition of 'Yma O Hyd.'



Sunday 23 June



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SUNDAY MORNING SANCTUARY SUNDAY SOLEMN MASS

We'll be celebrating Sanctuary Sunday in all our churches across the Ministry Area, giving thanks for all the blessings received during the last week, all we have learned and done to care for 'Our Home.' We'll pray for refugees and all who seek a place to call home, and those who work to support them.

It's also an opportunity to commit to caring for 'Our Home' and making it a welcoming place for all.

At St Mary's, we'll be reflecting on the past week, and sharing videos and favourite moments from the last few days.

VENUE
ST MARY'S CHURCH, BUTETOWN

1200—1400 HRS THE GREAT GET TOGETHER BARBECUE

We believe that we have far more in common than that which divides us. Celebrating the *Great Get Together* inspired by Jo Cox, we gather in our gardens for a Barbecue to which all are welcome.

There will be halal, vegetarian and vegan options available. It's time to get together and celebrate what we have in common!

VENUE
GARDENS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH
BUTETOWN





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LINKS

South Cardiff Ministry Area: www.southcardiffministryarea.co.uk

St Mary's Primary School: www.stmarythevirginprm.co.uk

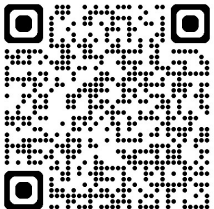
St Paul's Primary School: www.stpaulscwprimary.cymru

Oasis: www.oasiscardiff.org

Welsh Refugee Council: wrc.wales

Refugee Week: refugeeweek.org.uk

Jo Cox Foundation: www.jocoxfoundation.org



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