

INCLUDING YOU *Acting Together for One World in Peace*

Worship Resources for One World Week

A World Service?

Here is an idea to think about to make your OWW service a truly "World Service"! It was tried out by OWW supporters in Ulverston Methodist Church. They linked up with others around the world by having live phone interviews. They used a mobile phone and amplifier (you might be able to use Skype) and asked people in churches in Australia, Estonia and America to lead intercessory prayers with the congregation and then talk on topics related to the theme.

"It was a most moving experience to be led by someone thousands of miles away ... it really did make us feel part of one world" (Rev.T.Wells).

The **2016 theme** is all about building a **culture of inclusion**. This will include: welcoming the stranger, understanding the plight of refugees and people's reasons for leaving their homes; and addressing the myths and scapegoating of migrants as the perceived cause of problems in the UK; confronting racism and prejudice with love for all members of our human family.

Several organisations that OWW works with have produced excellent materials for use in worship or "sacred conversations" about the migration / refugee issues that "INCLUDING YOU" addresses. Use the links in the following pages to construct your own Christian worship, or an interfaith event or a non-faith event!

To make your worship specific to One World Week you can include one or more of the **Prayers written specially for the INCLUDING YOU** theme by Wendy Young of Christian Aid Scotland. (See Page 3)

United Reformed Church: "@ home in a strange place"

"This is a collection of resources to enable, encourage and stimulate what we are calling 'sacred conversations' on migration. It is for use in congregations and by small groups. To this collection we will be adding more materials as we receive them or are made aware of any such resource relevant to the theme @home in a strange place."

You can find:

- a description of resources to download [here](#);
- a leaflet about the programme and the resources [here](#)

The resources include materials to help you start your conversations; liturgical worship resources; poetry and reflections; resolutions; and video and audio materials, including a **film** based on a Richard Becher play "When truth is blind" (25 minutes) - you can see it [here](#)





CAFOD: Pilgrimage on the Refugee Crisis

Part of the Year of Mercy - A Refugee Solidarity Pilgrimage. [more here](#)
Uses the symbol of the Lampedusa cross - Download a 9 page liturgy [here](#)

Christian Aid- Refugee Crisis Church Resources

includes worship resources, [here](#), originally prepared for Refugee Week, which include prayers, readings and litany and a short but powerful video explaining the theological foundations for caring for refugees AND asking the deeper questions of why they have left their homes. See the video [here](#)



The Inter Faith Network published on 16 May 2016 their "Inter Faith Week Toolkit" with all sorts of suggestions for events and activities.

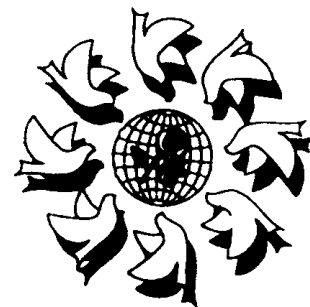
Your OWW group might want to take part in these during Inter Faith Week (13 - 20 Nov. 2016) or use some of the ideas to organise an event during One World Week addressing issues of diversity and developing good community relations, which are a crucial part of building a culture of inclusion to enable communities to live in peace together.

[**Download the Toolkit from the Inter Faith Network website here**](#)

Week of Prayer for World Peace, Sunday 16th – Sunday 23rd October 2016

The Week of Prayer for World Peace always precedes One World Week, which is the week in which 24th October, UN Day, falls.

Each year, the committee of the Week of Prayer for World Peace produces a leaflet of prayers for peace drawn from the major religious traditions of the world.



To order leaflets, which are ready and being sent out now, [go to the WPWP website here](#) or email Sue Davis: (email: suejanedavis3@icloud.com)

A joint event? Note that the 23rd October is the last day of the Week of Prayer for World Peace and the day of the start of One World Week – a great opportunity to hold a joint interfaith event!

Prayers for Christian worship in OWW relating to INCLUDING YOU

Excluded God,
who even in birth
found no room at the inn.
Help us to include all those
trapped in-between
treated as strangers.
ignored as other
And recognise that by
including them
we are including You
Amen

John 17.23

Including God, three-in-one
You in us and we in you
May we be completely One
So that the world might know
The love that leaves no-one behind
That unlocks doors and welcomes in
The love that eliminates fear
That opens hearts and provides a home.
May we include because you first included us.
Amen.

Loving God,
Who so loved the world
you gave, sent and came.
Help us to act together
for One World in peace
so that none may perish
but have fullness of life
This week and every week.
So help us God,
Amen

*Prayers written specially for OWW, INCLUDING YOU, 2016
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