THE REFUGEE CRISIS

A message from the Dean

The plight of refugees seeking a home in Europe is one of the gravest humanitarian crises of modern times.

The Chapter of Worcester Cathedral supports the Archbishop of Canterbury who has spoken of this ‘hugely complex and wicked crisis’, to which ‘there are no easy answers’. As the Archbishop went on to say, we need ‘a holistic response to this crisis that meets immediate humanitarian need while tackling its underlying drivers’. The Bishop of Worcester has said that it is clear that we cannot solve the crisis just by offering sanctuary to people here but nonetheless we should be generous in our response. The Chapter welcomes the Prime Minister’s promise that the United Kingdom will fulfil our ‘moral responsibility’ by accepting thousands of Syrian refugees.

Worcester Cathedral will find shelter for a refugee family. Lynne and I have already said that we are willing for the Deanery to be used in this way. When the time comes, we will no doubt need the practical and financial support of the whole Cathedral community to make this work.

What else can you do to help now?

- Let your elected representatives in this city, this county, and in Parliament know that you support help for refugees.
- Give money to one of the aid agencies – the Red Cross or Save the Children – or to the Worcester Cathedral Charitable Fund (earmarked Refugee Crisis).
- Pray for refugees, for the relatives they leave behind, for all humanitarian agencies engaged in addressing their needs, and for governments seeking to resolve both the crisis and its underlying causes.

Peter Atkinson
Dean of Worcester
In the Name of JESUS of Nazareth who had nowhere to lay his head, THIS CHURCH SUPPORTS REFUGEES