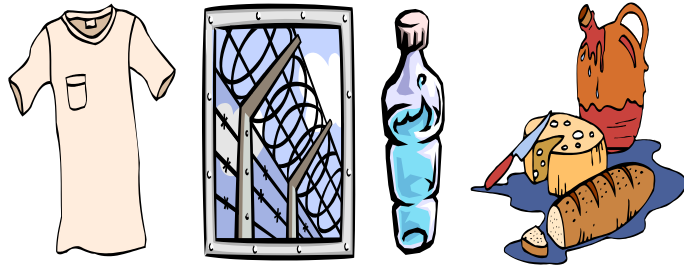


Y8.1: What has our country's refugee situation got to do with religion?

The Golden Rule of Christianity
'Do to others as you would have them do to you'

The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats (Matthew 25 : 34-40, 44-46).

'Come and possess the kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the world. I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me.' The good people will then answer him, 'when, Lord did we ever see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we ever see you a stranger and welcome you into our homes, or naked and clothed you? When did we ever see you sick or in prison, and visit you? Jesus replied, 'I will tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these members of my family, you did it for me!'



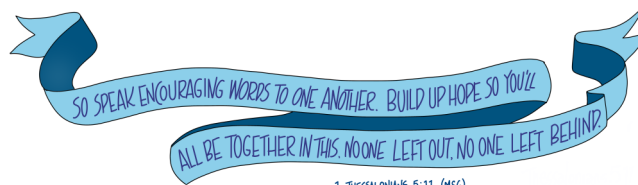
The Church of England

'As in other aspects of social policy, we pray for everyone to be treated in a way that is both fair and compassionate. That includes, especially, the millions who have been forcibly displaced from their homes'



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8.1 Key Terms

Refugee A person who has been forced to leave their country in order to escape war, persecution or natural disaster.

Asylum A place of shelter or safety. An asylum seeker is someone who has come to the country because it is a safe place for them, where there life will not be in danger.

Charity An organisation set up to provide help and raise money for those in need.

Compassion Pity and concern for the sufferings of others.

Solidarity Unity or agreement of feeling or action, especially among individuals with a common interest; mutual support within a group.

Agape Agape love involves faithfulness, commitment, and an act of the will.

Social Justice Justice in terms of the distribution of wealth, opportunities and privileges within a society.

