



Resources for Christians thinking about migration – September 2015.

Welcoming the Stranger: Affirmations for Faith Leaders - a statement from the UNHCR, 2013:

<http://www.iafr.org/downloads/handouts/unhcr/Welcoming%20the%20Stranger%20-%20Affirmations%20for%20Faith%20Leaders%20UNHCR.pdf>

Archbishop of Canterbury on the Migration Crisis (03.09.15) :

http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/articles.php/5606/archbishop-of-canterbury-on-the-migrant-crisis-?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Archbishop+Of+Canterbury+%28Archbishop+of+Canterbury%29

The Bishop of Dover on the Migration Crisis (01.08.15):

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/aug/01/church-attacks-david-cameron-language-asylum-crisis>

Migration: articles to download from the Spring 2015 edition of *In Transmission*, from the Bible Society, including:

- *More than neighbours?: The Old Testament as a resource for thinking about migration*
- *Behind the headlines: A critique of UK immigration and asylum policy*
- *Immigration and the moral status of borders*
- *Welcoming the stranger: Life with Restore*
- *The Bible as a catalyst for new life: An immigrant perspective*

<http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/about-bible-society/our-work/bible-in-transmission/the-bible-in-transmission-spring-2015/>

Thinking Biblically about Immigration – a booklet from the Jubilee Centre, free to download at:

<http://www.jubilee-centre.org/tba-immigration/>

Europe's Refugee Crisis: focus on the need not the numbers – article from Christian Aid:

<http://www.christianaid.org.uk/emergencies/areas-of-concern/refugee-crisis.aspx>

Immigration and Justice: how local churches can change the debate on immigration in Britain – a 2015 booklet, from the Jubilee Centre, with four sections:

- Part 1 examines immigration in contemporary Britain. It digs into the data, suggests some useful categories for thinking about immigrants, and explores perceived anxieties around EU migration.
- Part 2 offers a biblical foundation to the issue of immigration, considering how Israelite society responded to immigration, and how they were called to model something more than justice.
- Part 3 seeks to apply this biblical knowledge as a Christian framework for contemporary Britain.
- Part 4 proposes a set of initiatives for local churches to take as missional responses to the challenges and opportunities presented by immigration.

Available at £3.50 from <http://www.jubilee-centre.org/immigration-and-justice-booklet/>

Ideas on how to respond:

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/sep/03/refugee-crisis-what-can-you-do-to-help>

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<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11841503/migrant-crisis-how-to-help-refugees.html>

A Christian Response to the Humanitarian Crisis in the Mediterranean- an article written in April 2015 by Thomas Albinson, WEA Ambassador for Refugees; includes pointers for both reflection and action:

<http://www.worldidea.org/news/4555/a-christian-response-to-the-humanitarian-crisis-in-the-mediterranean>

5 Reasons Followers of Christ Seek the Protection and Welfare of Refugees – also by Thomas Albinson:

<http://www.iafr.org/downloads/handouts/5%20Reasons%20Followers%20of%20Christ%20Seek%20the%20Protection%20and%20Welfare%20of%20Refugees.pdf>

A Place of Refuge: a positive approach to asylum seekers and refugees in the UK – ‘a contribution to study, discussion and action’ from the Church of England Mission and Public Affairs Department, 2005 (Church House Publishing). Can be downloaded (78 pages) from:

http://www.irr.org.uk/pdf/place_of_refuge.pdf

Migration in the Light of Catholic Social Teaching – a news report from March 2015, detailing the five key principles that guide the Church’s view on migration:
<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/Teaching-on-Migration>

Asylum in Britain: A question of conscience by Anthony Harvey – a (65 page pdf)book, from a Methodist perspective, on the theology behind the giving of asylum, available to download at: <http://www.methodist.org.uk/mission/asylum-and-immigration>

Recommendations For The Development Of Safe And Legal Paths To Protection In The European Union - issued in November 2014 by pan-European Christian organisations:
http://www.caritas.eu/sites/default/files/christian_group_recomm_for_safe_legal_paths_to_protection_final.pdf
and
<http://www.caritas.eu/news/christian-ngos-demand-safe-and-legal-pathways-to-enter-europe-0>

Refugees in the Bible - a booklet from the International Association for Refugees (US-based):
<http://www.iafr.org/downloads/handouts/Refugees%20in%20the%20Bible.pdf>

Immigration and the Bible: A Guide for Radical Welcome – small group discussion guidelines produced by United Methodist Women in the US:
<http://christianchurchestogether.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/Immigration-Bible-Leaders.pdf>

Continued controversy in Australia:
<http://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2015/jul/01/ama-joins-protest-against-asylum-law-that-can-jail-detention-centre-staff>

‘Prayer for Migrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers’ :
<http://nouwen-network.com/Refugee%20Prayer.pdf>

‘Prayer from a detention centre for boat refugees’ :
<http://www.ccme.be/>