

John Bennett is a Christians Aware trustee and an Anglican priest who has recently returned from serving at St Leonards Church in Assisi

Anthony Das is Director of Trinita in Kolkata. Trinita educates child workers and street children.

Salwa El Raheb is a Coptic Christian worker for fair trade and international harmony

Anthony Harvey is a former canon of Westminster Abbey, worked for the Churches' Refugee Network and is author of *'Asylum in Britain'*.

Zainab Homam works with Afghan Action training young people in Afghanistan for work in carpet weaving and making clothes.

Rana Khan is a Christians Aware trustee and an Anglican priest from Pakistan. He was an advisor to the former Archbishop of Canterbury and works with Faith Matters, an organisation which works to reduce extremism and interfaith/intra-faith tensions.

Fadi Mikhail is an iconographer, artist and musician based at the Coptic Centre.

Marianne Mikhail works at the Coptic Centre in Stevenage.

Zoya Phan is Campaigns Manager at Burma Campaign UK and author of *'Little Daughter'*

Margaret Walsh works with St Chad's Sanctuary in Birmingham. St. Chad's Sanctuary is a voluntary project supported by Saint Chad's Cathedral and the Salvation Army.

Geoff Weaver has worked overseas with the Church Mission Society, has been a cathedral organist, directs 3 choirs, directed the music at the last 2 Lambeth Conferences, and continues to travel worldwide, encouraging people to sing their faith with passion.

Alan Wilson is Bishop of Buckingham and chair of Christians Aware. His first book *'More Perfect Union? Understanding Same-sex Marriage'* was published in 2014.

Louise Zanre is director of the Jesuit Refugee Service. The Jesuit Refugee Service UK accompanies, serves and advocates for asylum seekers facing destitution or in detention centres.



Refugees Misery or Hope?



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January 9th – 11th 2015
Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick
Alfreton, Derbyshire DE55 1AU
Tel: 01773 526000

Friday, January 9th

5.00 pm	Arrivals
7.00 pm	Dinner
8.15 pm	Refugees: an introduction and theological overview- Anthony Harvey (<i>former canon of Westminster Abbey</i>)
9.40 pm	Evening prayer – Salwa El Raheb (<i>Coptic Christian</i>)

Saturday, January 10th

8.00 am	Meditation – Salwa El Raheb
8.30 am	Breakfast
9.30 am	Bible Study – Alan Wilson (<i>CA Chairman</i>)
10.30am	AGM + regional report
11.20 am	Coffee
11.45am	Asylum Issues in Britain - Louise Zanre (<i>Jesuit Refugee Service</i>)
1.00 pm	Lunch
3.00 pm	Market place
4.15 pm	Tea
5. 00 pm	Seminar Groups
6.30 pm	Dinner
7:30 pm	Auction of gifts (Auctioneer Alan Wilson) Poetry and music with Geoff Weaver and Marianne & Fadi Mikhail

Sunday, January 11th

8.00 am	Reflection – John Bennett (<i>CA trustee</i>)
8.30 am	Breakfast
9.45 am	Refugees on the Thai-Burma Border – Zoya Phan (<i>Burma Campaign UK</i>)
11.00 am	Coffee
11.30 am	Eucharist – President: Alan Wilson
1.00 pm	Lunch & Departures.

Seminar Groups:

Refugees from Burma – Zoya Phan (*Burma Campaign UK*)
Child workers in Kolkata – Anthony Das (*Trinita*)
Afghan Action – Zainab Homam (*Afghan Action*)
St Chad's Sanctuary in Birmingham – Sister Margaret Walsh
(*St Chads*)
Pakistanis claiming refugee status in Thailand, Sri Lanka and
Malaysia – Rana Khan (*Anglican priest from Pakistan*)
All age music workshop – Geoff Weaver

Music Director for the conference – Geoff Weaver

There will be activities for the children on Saturday.

All meals are prepared using the LOAF principle