



## Support for 'A Place of Refuge'

The United Nations High Commission for Refugees has welcomed 'A Place of Refuge - a positive approach to asylum seekers and refugees in the UK', published by the Church of England's Mission and Public Affairs Council.

They sent their "heartfelt thanks for...your report A Place of Refuge which communicates with great clarity the desperate situations faced by refugees and asylum seekers forced to flee their lives and homes in search of sanctuary. UNHCR particularly appreciates the Church's commitment to challenging negative stereotypes and unwarranted associations, often created and perpetuated by the media..."

A Place of Refuge is available in .PDF format on the Church of England website, is published by Church House Publishing, priced £5.99, and is available from all Christian bookshops. Or e-mail [bookshop@c-of-e.org.uk](mailto:bookshop@c-of-e.org.uk), or visit [www.chbookshop.co.uk](http://www.chbookshop.co.uk)

## Archbishop - adults need to grow up



The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, has said that adults must face the demands of being grown up if they are to meet the needs of children. In a lecture given at an event organised by the Citizen Organising Foundation, Dr Williams said: "We can't shape the lives and minds of children without a sense of responsibility we have as adults."

"If we want to give children a chance of experiencing childhood as they should - experiencing it as a time to learn, play, grow, in an environment of stability and security - we have to face the demands of being adults ourselves. We have to accept that growing up is about taking on the task of forming other human lives."

The Archbishop warns that the pressures of modern life are eroding the time and space needed for the development of children as individual people, and cautions that this is itself likely to lead to further problems.

## Who cares for our six million carers?

Did you know that no fewer than six million people in the UK are voluntarily looking after loved ones? A recent survey found that 77 per cent of adults questioned would prefer to be looked after at home by a relative or friend, rather than in a nursing home or hospital, so with an ageing population the number of carers is likely to continue to grow.

Carers' Week this year runs from 13-19 June. This annual event raises awareness of issues affecting carers, who often face health and financial problems as a result of looking after someone else. Many carers don't recognise themselves as such and are not aware of the support available to them.

To give carers a break and highlight the support that they can get, thousands of events have been organised up and down the country. Two popular actresses, Pam Ferris and Miriam Margolyes are backing the Week by speaking out about their own experience of looking after loved ones.