

Sunday 27th January 2019

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

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THEME 2019: TORN FROM HOME



“Time for Reflection”

12 noon to 4pm

St Martin Coney Street

The three images above from left to right show a refugee camp during the genocide in Rwanda, the Kinder transport, (Nazi persecution) and a burning village in Darfur. All three are taken from the Holocaust Memorial Day website. Other genocides include Cambodia, and Bosnia.

A visual presentation arranged by the Rev'd David Simpson, plus input from pupils of Bootham School, will focus on the scope of the theme -

- *The meaning of home before genocide*
- *Torn from home during genocide*
- *A home after genocide*

These three sections will evoke very many thoughts and feelings if we try to imagine what it would be like to be caught up in a situation that leads to genocide and its aftermath.

We may have read personal stories of people who have experienced it. There will certainly be people living who have escaped from recent genocides. Many will have a family history to tell. Only this year I heard the story from a friend having a female ancestor, who, in her seventies, walked alone from Berlin to Copenhagen, to escape the threat of Nazi persecution. How many people have felt to leave a loving home behind, what would they have taken with them, and what would they have hoped for?

You are welcome to stay for as long or as short a time as you wish, but please be prepared for some gentle thought- provoking participation! There will also be opportunity throughout to light a prayer candle and the time will conclude with prayer.

In a fragmented world, these two Cross of Nails events in York are designed not only in response to the three remits of the Cross of Nails, but to help us individually and corporately, by faith, hope and love, on our journeys of peace and reconciliation.

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