

FROGMORE,  
ASHFORD ROAD,  
SHADOXHURST, Kent.

To All Incumbants and PCC Secretaries in <sup>E. Charing</sup> ~~West Ashford~~ Deanery

Dear Mrs. Coles.

The Ashford Council for Social Responsibility wish to draw the attention of you and your Parishioners to the arrival of 'The Boat People' from Vietnam. They are at present at the reception centre at Hothfield Hospital, and are adequately catered for with warm clothing and furniture; their main requirement is to be befriended by local families - at first to visit them at Hothfield, and gradually to build up a relationship by inviting them to their homes or to take them on visits to places of interest in the locality, to local shops and perhaps to the Market.

They speak very little English, so this will take precedence over everything else, but the one-to-one contact that can be made by such befriending is a good way to increase their experiences. They are having some help from tutors and also interpreters who can speak Cantonese. In fact what they will want is practice in learning English.

Anyone who feels they can help in any way possible should contact Hothfield Hospital, Charing 3195, where any of the following will tell you when and where you can come to see them:-

Miss Sue Martin (Save the Children Fund who is Organizer at the Centre)  
Miss Adria Riply (Nurse)  
Miss Geraldine Taggart

Remember, the need is NOW. The first batch are only here for three months, by which time it is hoped they will be ready to cope on their own.

Please help them to be able to do so.

Yours sincerely,

*X. E. Colston*

MRS. COLSTON

Hon. Secretary to Ashford Council for Social Responsibility