

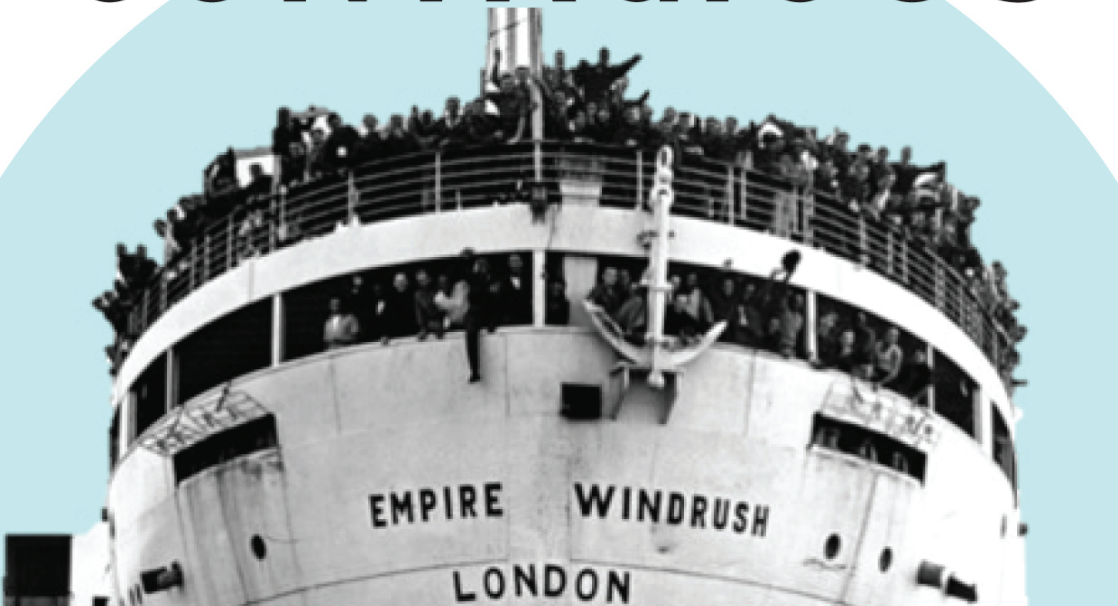


THE HOUSE OF PRAISE
THE CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY



DIASPORA CONNECT 2022

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WINDRUSH GENERATION SERVICE
SUNDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2018, 10.00am - 11.45am

House of Praise

Church of God of Prophecy (COGOP)
2 Tudor Rd Easton, Bristol, BS5 6BW

Home Office Windrush Surgery (1-2-1) 11.30am - 1.00pm



The Hope of a Brighter Future - by Bishop Raymond Veira

The SS Empire Windrush arrived at Tilbury docks on 22 June 1948 carrying four hundred and ninety two passengers from the Caribbean. They were invited by Britain (The Mother Country) to assist with post-World War reconstruction of Britain, following the devastation of the country during WW2.

Seventy years on we celebrate the pioneering vision of the Windrush generation who came to Britain seeking a better life. It is difficult to quantify the enormous legacy of the Windrush generation let alone the black presence, in Britain, over the centuries (especially in cities such as Bristol, Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool and London). They have permanently helped to reshape the social fabric of this country and their contributions covers the spectrum of public life, politics, faith, public services, especially the NHS, business, music, food, fashion/lifestyle, sports, literature, and the arts.

The legacy of the Windrush generation also includes the most recent success of England's World Cup team. England fans and the nation celebrated the victory of the Three Lions' World Cup quarter-finals win over Sweden. Their accomplishment included seven members of the twenty three man squad who were of Caribbean heritage.

One of the enduring legacies of the 'Windrush Generation' was the Christian faith they brought with them that sparked a rival in Christianity in Great Britain. This dynamism in faith eventually led to the development of Black-led and Black Majority Churches in Britain. It can be argued that the Black Church in Britain has been the institution that has affirmed dignity upon Black people where in the early 1950s, 1960 and 1970s they were able to seek refuge from the ravages of racism and other forms of discrimination which confronted them in British life. The strength and solidarity of the church offered protection from the dreaded 'colour bar' and the infamous slogan of "No Blacks, No Dogs, No Irish."

The Windrush generation arrived in Britain to integrate and embrace British values. Yet they held the view that one day they would return to their beloved homeland.

We must ensure that this present generation, and beyond, must understand and appreciate the countless sacrifices and contributions the Windrush generation made which ensured a rich, lasting, secure and powerful future for Britain. They must also grasp the fact that they have a right to be here and they are indeed an integral part of the Windrush generation and they must be active participants in passing on such a rich history to the next generation.

Order of service

Worship

Led by the House of Praise worship Team.

Welcome and Introductions

Bishop Raymond Veira, Host

Prayer for Windrush Generations

Angela Clarke, Executive Director, RAFFA

Hope is Contagious

Rudi Page, CEO, MCW/DIASPORA CONNECT 2022

House of Praise Social Action

Lloyd Grant

Redemption Song

Nadine Cameron

Bishop Raymond Veira

70 years on, what is the Windrush Legacy and
a Call to Action/Blessings



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