



NEWSLETTER ADVENT 2017

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world: indeed it's the only thing that ever does.

(Margaret Mead)



May you give and receive love generously.
May this love echo in your heart like
the joy of church bells on a clear December day.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

May each person who comes into your life
be greeted as another Christ.
May the honour given the Babe of Bethlehem
be that which you extend to every guest who
enters your presence.



May the wonder and awe that fills the eyes of
children
be awakened within you and may you bring the
peace of the Christ child into our world

Joyce Rupp



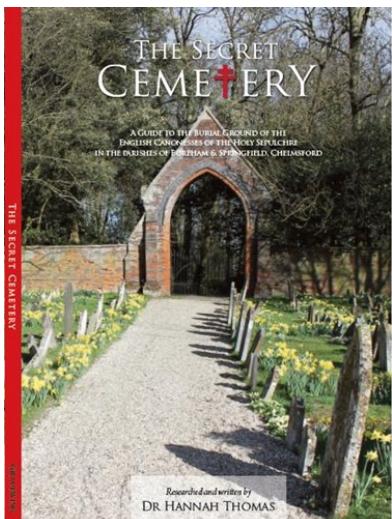
PROF. TINA BEATTIE'S VISIT



A large group of Community, Companions and friends gathered at New Hall on a Sunday afternoon in October to hear Tina Beattie's reflections on our Chapter theme 'Finding Hope in Fragile Places'. Tina's thoughts led us through personal experiences into a global vision, and people found her reflections inspiring and encouraging. You can access her full Chapter talk through this link:

http://www.canonesses.co.uk/media/42102/prof_tina_beattie_finding_hope_in_fragile_places.pdf

CEMETERY BOOK LAUNCH



The Community was pleased to welcome friends, dignitaries, academics and relatives of people buried in the Cemetery to a launch event at New Hall followed by a service of thanksgiving. Copies of the book are available to purchase through our website
[http://www.canonesses.co.uk/shop-\(plusdonate\)/](http://www.canonesses.co.uk/shop-(plusdonate)/)



MASS FOR THE DEAD



Fr Paul Cracknell was our celebrant for the Annual Mass for the Dead. The Mass was followed by a visit to the Cemetery where people were able to see the newly-installed plaques which show the names of everyone interred in the Cemetery.

ST AUGUSTINE



"Even so, it was not enough for God to send his Son to point out the way - he made his Son the way itself, so that we can go on our journey guided by him as he walks along his own way."

NEWS FROM AFRICA



A DAY OF REJOICING IN RWANDA



S. Teresa was pleased to be present at the inauguration of a new school built for our sisters in Rwanda. Sisters who gathered from Rwanda, the Congo and Europe, were joined by local dignitaries from the Education Department and the Church.

We are receiving regular updates from our sisters in Kindu on the construction of their new home in the very poor area of the Congo on the edge of the Equatorial Forest. This building will also house their chapel and a pharmacy. Close by they are also building a small health centre which has been paid for entirely by our fundraising.

NEWS FROM KINDU



RWANDA VOLUNTEERS



We have heard very good reports from our last two volunteers who were in Rwanda this year, Marilyn and Jackie. Their experiences have been very helpful in preparing for our next two volunteers, Valerie and Valerie who will be going to Rwanda in 2018.

S. TERESA ANN

On the 8th December S. Teresa Ann will be celebrating her Golden Jubilee of profession as a Canoness of the Holy Sepulchre. She asks to be remembered in your prayers, in thanks giving for all the graces and gifts she has received during this time and for all the people who have touched her life.



IN THANKSGIVING



An 'Old Fish' asked for our prayers for her daughter Janelle who was in Dominica when the hurricane struck. After several days with no contact, Janelle managed to phone her mother and report that she was one of the very few who had survived along with her two small children. We also pray for all those who suffered and died in this hurricane and in many of the other disasters and conflicts in our world.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 6th December: Quiet Day at 74 Howe Close, Colchester, CO4 3XD, 10am-3pm.

Sunday 10th December: Tea 4pm, followed by 4.30pm Evening Prayer for Advent, 74 Howe Close, Colchester, CO4 3XD.

Sunday 17th December: 7pm Advent Reflection at Blessed Sacrament Church, Melbourne, CM1 2DU, followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

Sunday 18th February 2018: An afternoon with Lea Verstricht at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, Melbourne, CM1 2DU. 'Finding Hope in Fragile Places' - a biblical reflection.

Wednesday 21st March 2018: Quiet Day at 74 Howe Close, Colchester, CO4 3XD, 10am-3pm.

All are welcome to any of the above - for details and booking please contact
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