NEWSLETTER MARCH 2026

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

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

God of peace, bearer of hope,
we seek your help
for the peoples of the Middle East.

Quiet the clamour of war
and guide us towards peace.

Where there is hatred and division
sow seeds of calm and openness.

Where there is destruction
help us to rebuild.

Where children are crying
bring an end to tears.

Shelter your peoples and protect them
Guide them and keep them from harm.

Show us how to break down the barriers
of history and fear
and breathe whispers of hope.

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ST AUGUSTINE

"Where there is peace, there is the beginning of happiness."

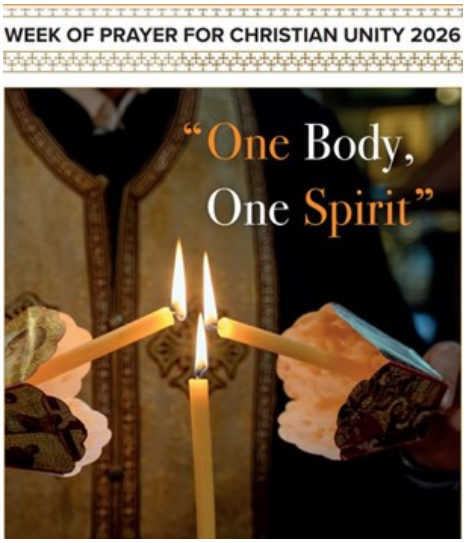
- Saint Augustine

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

S. Moira was invited to be the preacher at the Christian Unity service in Chelmsford Cathedral.

Her sermon is available via this link:

[S. Moira's Sermon at the Service for Christian Unity, Chelmsford Cathedral – January 2026 – Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre]



FINDING HOPE IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

Becoming Beacons of Hope in a Crazy Confusing World

We were delighted to welcome Rev Dr Liam Hayes to New Hall for the second talk in our series 'Finding Hope in Uncertain Times'. A good crowd gathered, undeterred by the dark, wet, January evening (and others joined online). We were pleased to be joined by students from St John Payne and New Hall schools who shared their vision of hope and of the world today, through pre-recorded videos and reflections/questions as part of the Q&A.

The recording of the event is on our website:

[Becoming beacons of hope in a crazy, confusing world – Wed 21st January – Dr Liam Hayes – Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre]

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NEXT SESSIONS IN THE SERIES

WHAT DOES HOPE LOOK LIKE IN THE SHADOW OF CLERICAL ABUSE IN THE CHURCH? – **Wednesday 18th March at 7pm on Zoom** – Prof Clare Watkins

HOPE FOR THE CHURCH IN A CHANGE OF ERA: THE LEGACY OF POPE FRANCIS – **Wednesday 6th May at 7pm on Zoom** – Dr Austen Ivereigh

LENT LUNCH

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Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Blessed Sacrament church hall for the Lent Lunch arranged by the Community.

RECENT VISIT TO RWANDA

We were very pleased to be able to get a first hand experience of the progress made by our Priory in Rwanda during a visit in February. The school, which the Community and you, our friends, have supported over the years is thriving and the link with New Hall school is very fruitful.

EASTER AT NEW HALL

We hope that many of you will join members of the Community for the Triduum days which are at the heart of our spirituality.

We will be resident at New Hall, and the liturgies will be creative, challenging and reflective.

For more information and for booking options please use this link:

https://canonesses.co.uk/easter-at-new-hall-thursday-2-april-sunday-5-april-2026/

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 18th March: At 7pm on Zoom 'What does Hope look like in the Shadow of Clerical Abuse in the Church?' – Prof Clare Watkins.

https://canonesses.co.uk/what-does-hope-look-like-in-the-shadow-of-clerical-abuse-in-the-church-wed-18th-march-at-7pm-prof-clare-watkins/

Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th April: Easter 2026 at New Hall.

https://canonesses.co.uk/easter-at-new-hall-thursday-2-april-sunday-5-april-2026/

Wednesday 6th May: At 7pm on Zoom 'Hope for the Church in a Change of Era: the Legacy of Pope Francis' – Dr Austen Ivereigh.

https://canonesses.co.uk/event/hope-for-the-church-in-a-change-of-era-the-legacy-of-pope-francis/

Wednesday 3rd June: At 6pm on Zoom 'Must we still Hope?' – David Neuhaus SJ.

https://canonesses.co.uk/event/must-we-still-hope-david-neuhaus-sj-wed-3rd-june-at-6pm/

END WITH A SMILE!!!

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