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‘THE GALILEE BELL: From Sanctuary to Asylum and Back – The Role of the Church’ released

Geoffrey Care examines the essential role of sanctuary throughout the history of humanity

FILEY, England – Geoffrey Care, in his latest publication titled “THE GALILEE BELL: From Sanctuary to Asylum and Back – The Role of the Church” ([published by Balboa Press UK](#)), examines the origins and purpose of sanctuary from the earliest times until its purported abolition and its resurrection today in the context of asylum and the roles to be played by church and community.

This book focuses on the protection of sanctuary in a Christian context. It demonstrates how the church has, for more than 2000 years, provided a breathing space and protection in sanctuary for those in need. What is central to the concept of sanctuary, then and now, is that the church supplies the Christian qualities of mercy and compassion when they are absent from the administration of justice. With the worldwide concern for human rights abuse and displacement which is in the forefront of the press and politics every day, Care hopes that this book will provide a fresh perspective on sanctuary and its importance today.

When asked what he wants readers to take away from the book, the author says, “For people in general and politicians in particular and others to reassess their approach to the vulnerable in need of the protection through sanctuary/asylum, without compromising the need for the security of borders where necessary.”

“Geoffrey Care provides a delightful romp through some twenty or so Medieval tales to illustrate how sanctuary worked in practice at one time in England and, in particular, Beverley in Yorkshire. But all for a serious purpose, to demonstrate that asylum has always played an essential role throughout the history of humanity. And that the lessons of mercy and compassion to our fellow human beings should always be our guiding light and that the ‘golden rule,’ to do on to others as you want done onto you, are the foundations of justice. This scholarly treatise provides a unique historical perspective on an essential human right to be able to seek and to enjoy asylum.” — Dr James C. Simeon, Associate Professor, McLaughlin College, York University Toronto.

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