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Ecumenical Covenant

The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

A message from the Bishop of Norwich, The Rt Revd Graham James

“Human beings have frequently discovered God in holy places and in holy people. Walsingham combines both which is one of the reasons for its importance. It is a “holy land” in itself.

Walsingham is also an illustration of a long Christian history which includes division and disunity. In our own age we have come to realise both the rich heritage of our different Christian traditions but also the way in which our witness to Christ is hampered when we do not work together.

That’s why this ecumenical covenant between the Roman Catholic and Anglican shrines at Walsingham is so important. It strengthens the witness of Walsingham to the gospel and reminds everyone that the Blessed Virgin Mary is for all Christians. We look to her faithful obedience as a model of discipleship and rely on her intercession. May Blessed Mary draw us into the unity her Son desires for His Church.”

+ *Graham James*

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