

BETHEL TRIP : NORTH LANCS : APRIL 14-17 2007 (4-day) draft

Saturday: Leave Carlisle at 6am, pick up at Preston and 1 more pick-up point TBA. Stop on the way at Service Area; there are facilities for tea & coffee (30p), cold drinks (50p) and emergency toilets on the coach. Bring a packed lunch if you wish, for the journey. Arrive 12.30pm at **Wightwick Manor** (Probably the UK's best Arts & Crafts home - admission included, with themed Guided Tour 'Earthly Paradise'). Arrive at our high quality Hotel 5.30pm. Pre-dinner drinks available in the comfortable lounge bar. 7.30pm **3-Course Dinner** (included). Prayers usually said individually or by each family party; staff tips at your discretion, on the table (for waitresses) or in your room (for housekeepers).

Sunday: Full English [Buffet] Breakfast in the hotel Dining Room, included in tour price. Leave hotel at 9.15am. **Covent Garden** (free time till 12.15); Coach takes us to Tower of London for inclusive **Boat Trip** 1pm with commentary up the Thames to Westminster Pier. Packed lunch included. **British Museum** 2pm-4pm; inclusive faith-building **Bible Tour in British Museum or British Library**. (Choice from 2 *new* tours both at approximately same time: "The Origins of Writing & Language" and "The Origins of False Religion" or "The Origins of the English Bible") Please dress smart casual, bring bible. Group photo in the new Museum Atrium area*, with free large colour print posted to all travellers a few days after the trip. Leave Museum 4pm. Back to hotel in good time; pre-dinner drinks (not included) in the comfortable lounge bar.

7pm - 10pm **Charleston Evening Buffet Dinner Show with live music** (included) by top class Charleston duo (ex-'Charleston Chasers' Debbie Arthurs & Nick Gill). Optional 1920s dress and dancing [some instruction given]! —the happiest music ever!

Monday: Depart hotel 9am. Visit to **London Bethel**, with several sit-down video tours also. A leisurely day either with free time (admissions not included) in Central London (**Regent Street (Libertys, Hamleys, etc)**), or a visit to **Buckingham Palace, London Eye**, or come as a group to **Knightsbridge** for **Harrods** or the **3 museums (Science, V&A, Natural History)**. Lunch not included today. Coach will collect any free-timers at Knightsbridge (Harrods etc) and Hanover Square (Regent St) from around 4.30pm; return to hotel. Arrive at our high quality Hotel 5.30pm. Pre-dinner drinks available in the comfortable lounge bar. 7.30pm **3-Course Dinner** (included, as for Saturday), with some gentle live music entertainment in the hotel.

Tuesday: Depart hotel 9am (cases on coach) Optional visit to **Hampton Court Palace (house and maze)** (£11.10 or less for group rate, not included); OR more free time in central London, with coach pick-up at both Regent Street and Knightsbridge at 2pm (we provide easy map with highlighted points of interest; you can get Rover ticket for tube or bus if you want).

Depart London 2pm. Arrive home at around 7.30pm onwards.

Who can come: Any publishers and their friends, from any congregation, including approved unbaptised persons.

Cancellation & Deposits: All places can be immediately secured with a deposit (£15 minimum), and must be fully paid for by **2 weeks prior to trip**, latest. Please phone me if an emergency arises; if we are able to re-allocate your seat, you will get a refund less any costs if applicable. The content of the trip may need to be varied without notice, and updates are usually issued to local coordinator as changes are made.

Insurance: The coach company and the venues will have cover for their liabilities, but do take out insurance if you wish. Please remember to guard all valuables at all times. Any complaints should be made to Derek in the first instance rather than direct to any other provider of services. Parents are reminded to strictly constrain the behaviour and noise of their party, especially while in the hotel and on the coach. Please keep noise on the coach to a minimum. Wheelchairs by advance request, for all venues (donation basis, or free). Some detail or timing may alter if circumstances require it.

Cost: The trip currently costs £179 per person, assuming 47 persons approx. (**Regular Pioneers HALF PRICE** subject to trip cost check by local coordinator) This is a non-commercial top-quality trip at excellent discounted multiple group rates. *A large photo print (A3 size) will be given to every person on the trip; extra copies available at 50p from the local congregation coordinator. Tipping: see g86 June 22 p25. Congregations intending to join the trip can announce it from the platform, as it is aTheocratic Event. Your couriers are any of the following: Derek & Pauline House, David Bennett, Lisa & Simon Webb or Ailsa Harper. (Up to 2c children using bed-settee in same room as 2 adults £79) (Under 2yrs old, free) (Single supplement £45). Book via Bro Derek House Tel/fax: 01228 513621 or Mobile: 07 800 900 426 or Email: housestudio@btinternet.com. Postal address: 1 Oak Lane, Parkland Village, Carlisle CA1 3SW.

Or via your local coordinator: **J?**

Extended stay or 'free time' options: If you are using your own transport, you can use modular parts of our trip, including: Each nights hotel stay (Dinner with wine, Bed and English breakfast £39 per person, or £25 child. Dinner & wine only: £15) Boat trip £7. Museum tours at cost £3 each, 50p child. Speak to Derek about transport and timing options.

