

Day 9 Wednesday 13 October

### THE VIA DOLOROSA

We will begin the day at the beautiful Crusader Church of St. Anne overlooking the Pools of Bethesda, before visiting the Convent of the Sisters of Zion built on the foundations of the Antonia Fortress, the Roman Garrison of Jerusalem. After a celebration of the Eucharist we visit the recently-excavated first century stone pavement (Gabbatha in the gospels) to follow the Way of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa to Calvary enshrined within the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. The afternoon will be free for shopping or for revisiting sites of special interest.

Day 10 Thursday 14 October

### EMMAUS - OUR JOURNEY HOME

After breakfast we leave Jerusalem and visit Abu Ghosh, a possible site of Emmaus, to celebrate a final Eucharist. After a break for lunch we proceed on to Tel Aviv Airport for our afternoon return flight to London Heathrow.



5–14 October 2010

# To be a pilgrim

A pilgrimage to the Holy Land

led by the Rt. Revd John Pritchard, Bishop of Oxford  
and the area bishops for the Diocese of Oxford

#### TRAVEL DETAILS

All Lightline tours are carefully calculated to include all items necessary to complete your tour at the advertised price.

- Scheduled flights on British Airways or British Midland from London Heathrow
- All airport departure and passenger taxes (UK & Israel)
- En suite accommodation at the following Christian guest houses
  - Galilee - Tabgha Pilgrim House (on the northern shores of the lake)
  - Jerusalem - Knights Palace (a unique Christian guest house in the Old City)
  - Bethlehem - Orient Palace (on Manger Square)
- Full Board throughout (breakfast, lunch & dinner)
- All entrance fees and local government taxes
- State licensed English speaking guides throughout the tour
- Modern air-conditioned tourist coaches

#### THE ONLY ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

Single room supplement (very limited) £389; travel insurance; Gratuities (£65); any items of a personal nature.

**Inclusive Tour Price**

**£1,645**



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## TO BE A PILGRM

I invite you to join me on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in the autumn of 2010. During the nine days we will spend travelling in the homeland of Jesus Christ, we will visit many of the sites associated with his birth, ministry, death and resurrection - an experience which many Christians over many centuries have found nourishes and stimulates their faith in a unique way. As well as visiting places that remind us of the historical story of Jesus, we will also visit his heirs - the Christian communities living in difficult and pressurized circumstances in these places today. Our aim in doing this is to offer the Christians of today's Holy Land our support and prayers, and to hear their stories - stories which are sometimes as profoundly moving and inspiring as the stories of the gospels.



Each of our two or three coaches will have members of the Bishop's Staff to lead and encourage our pilgrims. It's always a rich experience when Christians journey together, and this will be a life-changing pilgrimage. Do come!

+John

### Day 1 Tuesday 5 October TRAVEL TO THE HOLY LAND

We gather at London Heathrow to join a morning flight to Tel Aviv. On arrival we will be met by our guide and then driven north to Galilee and our hotel by the lake. Dinner and overnight by Galilee.



### Day 2 Wednesday 6 October MOUNT TABOR, NAZARETH & CANA

Our day begins at Mount Tabor, which commemorates the Transfiguration of Jesus in front of Peter, James and John, after which we will continue to Cana, the site of Jesus' first sign, then on to Nazareth, the town where Jesus grew up, to visit the Church of the Annunciation and the Old Synagogue-Church. In Nazareth we will hope to have an opportunity to meet with leaders of the local Anglican Community at St Margaret's Hostel, where we will break for lunch. Dinner and overnight by the Sea of Galilee.

### Day 3 Thursday 7 October JESUS' LAKESIDE MINISTRY

Today we explore the area immediately around the Sea of Galilee, which was the site of much of Jesus' ministry. We will visit the Church of the Loaves and Fishes, the Church of the Primacy of Saint Peter and the Mount of the Beatitudes overlooking the Sea of Galilee and have time to explore the excavations of the fishing village of Capernaum, where Jesus based himself for three years. We will also have the chance to sail on the Sea of Galilee, as well as seeing a fishing boat from the First Century of a kind that would have been very familiar to Jesus.

### Day 4 Friday 8 October JERICHO, BETHANY & BETHLEHEM

After breakfast we visit the baptismal site at Yardenit, where we will have the opportunity of renewing our Baptism Vows. We then leave Galilee and drive south along the Jordan Valley to the oasis city of Jericho. Here we view the Mount of Temptation and the excavations of ancient city walls before breaking for coffee and the chance to purchase products from the Dead Sea and traditional Hebron glass. After Jericho, we drive up through the hills of the Judean Wilderness to visit Bethany, the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus and where we will break for lunch. In the afternoon we continue towards the summit of the Mount of Olives and we will have the opportunity of seeing the stark reality of the vast Separation Wall both in Bethany, and as we approach and enter Bethlehem. Dinner and overnight stay at our hotel in Manger Square adjacent to the Church of the Nativity.



### Day 5 Saturday 9 October BETHLEHEM

Today we will visit the sites associated with the birth of Jesus - the Shepherds' Fields and the Church of the Nativity - as well as seeing some of the remarkable work being undertaken in his name by the Christians of Bethlehem today. We will visit the Holy Family Hospital - a maternity and neo-natal hospital providing a remarkable standard of medical and social care sometimes in the most difficult circumstances - and the International Center of Bethlehem, a remarkable project for culture, media and learning founded by the famous Lutheran pastor Mitri Raheb. Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem.

### Day 6 Sunday 10 October BETHLEHEM & THE ISRAEL MUSEUM

After breakfast we leave Bethlehem for East Jerusalem to join the Anglican community worshipping at its mother church of St George's Cathedral. After the service and a chance to chat to our Anglican sisters and brothers over coffee, we will visit the Western Wall in the Old City before a break for lunch. After lunch we will visit the beautiful village of Ein Karem, believed to be the home of the parents of John the Baptist, where we will gently climb to the Church of the Visitation to conclude our day with a simple Evening Prayer, singing Magnificat in the place where it is believed Mary first uttered those famous words. Finally we drive to the New Gate of the Old City, to check-in to our hotel in the Christian Quarter of the Old City.



### Day 7, Monday 11 October MOUNT OF OLIVES & SABELL

Today we set off after breakfast and drive to Bethphage, the start of the traditional Palm Sunday procession on the eastern slopes of the Mount of Olives. From there we will continue to the Pater Noster Convent, before walking down the Mount of Olives to visit the Church of Dominus Flevit, which commemorates the site where Jesus wept over the destruction of Jerusalem, the Church of All Nations and the Garden of Gethsemane. Over lunch we will visit Bethany, the village where Jesus stayed when visiting Jerusalem, where he shared friendship and received hospitality from Martha and Mary, and raised their brother Lazarus from death. After lunch, we will visit the Ecumenical Christian Theological Movement SABELL, founded by the Revd Canon Naim Ateek, to learn of its work. We return to our Jerusalem hotel for dinner and overnight stay

Day 8, Tuesday 12 October  
OLD CITY, MT ZION, QUMRAN & DEAD SEA  
After breakfast we proceed to the Dung gate and if permitted we will ascend to the Temple Mount to visit the area around the Dome of the Rock and the Al Aqsa Mosque. After this we ascend a little high to Mount Zion to see the traditional site of the Room of the Last Supper, the beautiful Abbey of the Dormition, and the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu. There we will view the recently excavated Roman pathway and steps that lead up from the Old City. In the afternoon we will visit the National Park at Qumran and learn more about the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, before finishing the afternoon with the chance to bathe in the unique waters of the Dead Sea.