

A Morpeth Family Parish Pilgrimage to the

# HOLY LAND

Saturday 21st - Saturday 28th October 2017

Led by the Rev Simon White



We are all pilgrims on journeys of faith and life. Little Christian on his journey to the celestial city in John Bunyan's, Pilgrims progress was hampered by numerous life situations but with Faith and other kindly pilgrims by his side he manages to struggle along following the path that many a pilgrim before him had walked.

Pilgrimage has always been part of the Christian tradition from the earliest of times believers have not only metaphorically travelled the highways and byways of life towards the kingdom of God, but have also literally and physically trodden the paths that many a Saint has walked. As God's people we all need to be reminded that we are pilgrims and going on a pilgrimage with Church friends and families can help us to grow in faith.

I would like to invite you to consider coming on Morpeth Family Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2017. We would like to open this exciting opportunity to old and young alike and are looking at October half term in order to make the pilgrimage open to all. This trip will not be cheap but we are hoping that by giving ourselves two years to raise the funds personally and corporately (for those who might struggle to find the finances) we will be able to encourage many different folks from our parish to come and share the many wonders of the Holy land. So may God bless us of all as we seek to continue to be His pilgrim people.

Amen.

### **Day 1 - Saturday**

We depart Manchester and fly direct to Tel Aviv where we will be met on arrival for transfer to our hotel in Jerusalem.

### **Day 2 - Sunday**

We visit Bethany, the site of Lazarus' tomb. Then view the Old City from the Mount of Olives and trace the Palm Sunday path down from the Mount of Olives into the city, pausing at the Dominus Flavit church (recalling Jesus weeping over Jerusalem). We see Gethsemane, where we will celebrate communion, and have time for quiet reflection. We walk part of the "Last Path" (through the Kidron valley), and visit the church of St Peter in Gallicantu (reputedly where Peter denied Jesus, the site of Caiaphas' House). Entering the city, we see a possible location of the Upper Room at St Mark's Syrian Church. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

### **Day 3 - Monday**

In the morning we visit Yad Vashem (the

Holocaust Museum). Returning to the Old City, we first visit the Western Wall where we will hope to witness a Bar Mitzvah, and continue to the Temple Mount and continue to the Pool of Bethesda (where Jesus healed a crippled man). We then follow part of the Via Dolorosa (the approximate route Jesus took to his death on the cross). We see flagstones from the Antonia Fortress (the Roman barracks, where Jesus was tried); on these can be seen an engraving known as the King Game, perhaps related to the mocking of Jesus. At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre we see the traditional site of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. We end the afternoon viewing Gordon's Calvary, and with quiet reflection and worship at the Garden Tomb (possible alternative locations for Jesus' death and resurrection).

### **Day 4 - Tuesday**

We take a "day out" to visit the desert area south-east of Jerusalem. We drive along the shore of the Dead Sea (the lowest place on the earth's surface), and visit the ancient

fortress of Masada (another of Herod's fortresses, and the famed site of Jewish resistance); Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, possibly associated with John the Baptist; and Ein Gedi, scene of David's pursuit by Saul. Depending on the weather, it may be possible to "float" in the Dead Sea.

### **Day 5 - Wednesday**

This morning we visit David's City; and see the recently uncovered Pool of Siloam. We then travel north, going through the Wadi Kelt (possibly the inspiration for the "Valley of the Shadow of Death") where we see St George's Monastery across the valley and passing Jericho. We arrive at our hotel in Tiberias (by the Sea of Galilee).

### **Day 6 - Thursday**

We start the day with an audio-visual introduction to the region at "The Galilee Experience", and then visit the 2000 year old "Jesus Boat" at a nearby kibbutz. We sail across the Sea of Galilee on a replica of this boat, pausing during this for our Sunday worship. We visit sites associated with Jesus' ministry: Kursi (the Gadarene swine); Bethsaida (Peter and Andrew's home, with the recently excavated "Fishermen's House"); Capernaum (Jesus' home town, with its ancient synagogue and Peter's house); and Tabgha (site of the feeding of the 5000, and a lakeside resurrection appearance of Jesus). We finish the day celebrating communion on the hillside of the Mount of Beatitudes (the setting of the Sermon on the Mount).

### **Day 7 - Friday**

Passing Mount Tabor (a possible site of the Transfiguration) we visit Cana (where Jesus turned water into wine), and continue to Nazareth - where we see churches associated with Mary's Well, and Jesus' reputed childhood home (the Church of the

Annunciation). We visit Nazareth Village (depicting life in the time of Jesus), and the Mount of the Precipice (believed to be where Jesus was taken by the angry crowd after preaching at the Nazareth Synagogue).

### **Day 8 - Saturday**

The day is free in Tiberias before we transfer to Ben Gurion airport for our return direct flight to Manchester

*Itinerary subject to change*

### **Price - £1745 per person**

#### **What the price includes**

- Return flights from Manchester to Tel Aviv
- Accommodation in good quality hotels in twin bedded rooms with private facilities on half board basis
- Transfer of passengers and baggage
- Sightseeing as in itinerary
- Services of a fully qualified English
- Travel by air-conditioned coaches
- Entrance fees, gratuities, service charges and portage
- Airport taxes

#### **Not included in the price**

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