



The Church's Ministry among  
Jewish People



# The CMJ Pilgrim Fathers Tour

## 10th - 18th September 2022



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Cost £1,250pp\*

Single Supplement £125

\*based on 21 people

Smaller group + £75pp

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## DAY 1 - Saturday 10th September

“Come then, Thou great Deliverer come,  
The veil from Jacob’s heart remove,  
Receive thine antient people home, “

So wrote John & Charles Wesley in their hymn of intercession, “For the Jews”.

Our tour starts in North Nottinghamshire with a visit to Worksop Priory where Puritan Richard Bernard was vicar and whose daughter, Mary, became wife of Roger Williams, who founded Rhode Island and possibly the first Baptist Church in America. We drive now to Epworth Rectory, the home of John & Charles Wesley, where John was ‘snatched like a brand from the fire’ when the rectory, burnt to the ground. We walk around Wesley’s Epworth to explain its history and hear some of the words Wesley wrote, in the places where he first preached them. The Wesley’s lived a century after the Pilgrim Fathers, but the foundation of their understanding of God’s Covenant with the Jewish people had been laid by the Puritans before them.

After dinner talk: *The Pilgrim Fathers* by Adrian Gray MA (Cantab) and author at Pilgrims & Prophets.



Overnight: The West Retford Hotel, North Road, Retford DN22 7XG

## DAY 2 - Sunday 11th September

Today we explore an area largely in North Nottinghamshire. Starting in the village of Sturton - le - Steeple. Adrian Gray will explain the great importance of Sturton in the development of evangelical Christianity from the 1530s. In Babworth we attend the church service, where Richard Clyfton had become rector in 1586. We consider Rev Clyfton’s contribution to the Separatist Movement, his dismissal from the Anglican Church and hear excerpts from his sermons. We visit the Pilgrim Museum in Retford. Next we visit Gainsborough Old Hall for a cup of tea and learn about the home of a merchant, William Hickman and his mother Rose, sympathetic to the Separatist cause. We learn how a congregation may have formed in Gainsborough under John Smyth’s leadership and how one Pilgrim group left by boat from here in 1608. Interestingly Wesley preached here! We take time to pause and pray for revival in the UK & America. On the way back to Retford we discover the village where William Brewster lived and worked - St James church, the old parsonage house, the remains of the Manor and discuss Brewster, an ardent follower of Clyfton’s. We will hear why William Bradford, born in Austerfield, orphaned when young, walked ten miles to Babworth church and back each Sunday.

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## DAY 3 - Monday 12th September

Boston is our next port of call and here we learn about the plight of the Pilgrim Fathers first attempt to leave ‘Babylon’ as they called Britain and be separate. We walk across the river to St Botolph’s and the ‘Boston Stump,’ an extraordinarily tall tower, 266 feet and 9 inches tall and famous in the past as a landmark for sailors. Continuing our walk we visit Boston Guildhall where the Pilgrims were briefly imprisoned in 1607-8. We pass the home of John Foxe, famous author of the Book of Martyrs, now the Stump and Candle pub - and a good place to stop for lunch! We journey on to Cambridge where we book into St. John’s College before a tour of Cambridge Colleges to see where the Pilgrim Fathers studied. We also visit St Edward the Martyr Church, one of the Reformation churches and Holy Trinity Church where Rev Charles Simeon was vicar for 50 years and served first as Vice-President and then as President of CMJ. This tireless man travelled the country speaking at meetings about the work of CMJ and its Biblical mandate. Simeon’s brief case and umbrella that graced the vestry in the church until recently are now in a museum, sadly. There’s always an excitement seeing personal artefacts from another age, they create a bridge over which we may enter their world.

Overnight: St John’s College, St. John’s Street, Cambridge CB2 1TP



## DAY 4 - Tuesday 13th September

We stop for lunch at Stansted Park on the Hampshire/East Sussex border. Stansted Park was home to CMJ's benefactor, Lewis Way. Not only did Lewis Way save the day for CMJ in 1815, he set up a training college in his house for the new Messianic Believers in Jesus. Lewis Way travelled the world, speaking on behalf of the Jewish people and of their need for their Messiah. After lunch we will visit the house and the original chapel in the grounds of the house. We hear about Lewis Way and his huge contribution to the work of CMJ before continuing our journey south. We now head for Southampton to see West Quay from where both The Mayflower and The Speedwell set sail and we hear about the difficulties they faced, the decision they took and of the Rev John Cotton and his family who followed the Pilgrim Fathers to America some years later. We see the Mayflower memorial on the quay side and walk through the arch of the Westgate.



Overnight and dinner: The Pilgrim Inn, Hyde Road, Marchwood, Southampton SO40 4WU

## DAY 5 - Wed. 14th September

We travel to Exmouth, first stopping briefly to see the church in Loders where Alfred Edersheim was vicar. We travel on to À La Ronde, where the Misses Parminter planted Oak Trees that were never to be uprooted until the Jewish people were back in their Land. After lunch we travel to Plymouth, stopping in Dartmouth for a look at the museum with its model



*Mayflower & Speedwell in Dartmouth Harbour*

*By Wilcox*

of the Mayflower and also see the harbour where both the Mayflower and the Speedwell set sail only to return to Plymouth when the Speedwell sprang a leak. We arrive in Plymouth, famous for being the place where the Pilgrim Fathers finally left for America. Their last footsteps on English soil were here on the harbour steps.

Overnight: Fox Studios, 8 –10 Whimble Street, Plymouth PL1 2DH



## DAY 6 - Thursday 15th September

We shall visit St Andrew's Church, the parish church of Plymouth where Michael Solomon Alexander was baptized for their mid week service. Here, in Plymouth, CMJ's Rabbi Michael Solomon Alexander lived as a Shochet and tutor. A local minster wanting to learn Hebrew led Alexander to know his Messiah. We will hear about Bishop Michael Solomon Alexander and visit the churches and the synagogue he attended. We dress in costume and visit the Pilgrim museum, Elizabethan house and walk the streets of the Barbican where the Pilgrim Fathers lodged before their momentous and dangerous journey to the New World. There may even be time for some souvenir shopping!



Dinner: Wildwood Restaurant, Royal William Rd, Stonehouse, Plymouth PL1 3QQ

Overnight: Fox Studios, 8 – 10 Whimble Street, Plymouth PL1 2DH

## **DAY 7 - Friday 16th September** 402nd Anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower

The Mayflower sailed on 6th September but the 1752 amendments to the Gregorian Calendar changed the date by 10 days to 16th September - today! An early morning stroll to the harbour is an option and after breakfast we will tour the Synagogue Michael Solomon attended - the oldest active Ashkenazi Synagogue in the world!

Next we visit Isle Brewers in Somerset where Joseph Wolff held the post of vicar until his death in 1862.

We travel on to Wimborne and see where Lord Shaftesbury lived in Wimborne St Giles and hear about Shaftesbury's involvement with CMJ and his part in Michael Solomon's move to Jerusalem. This may be an after dinner talk!

Overnight: The Kings Head, Market Square, Wimborne BH21 1JG

## **DAY 8 - Saturday 17th September**

We drive to London having lunch on the way and arrive in Bethnal Green where Joseph Frey and his fellow workers bought five acres of land to build Palestine Place, a new community for the Jewish Believers in Jesus. We may then take a river trip or visit the Jubilee flowers in the moat of the Tower of London before checking into our hotel. In the early evening we cross the river to Rotherhithe to visit St Mary's Church, linked to the Captain of the Mayflower. We walk the narrow streets to see where the Mayflower set off from and where, years later, was dismantled.

Dinner: The Mayflower Pub in Rotherhithe, by the side of the River Thames

Overnight: The Tower Hotel, St Katharine's Way, London E1W 1LD

## **DAY 9 - Sunday 18th September**

This morning we tour the East End of London with Steve Maltz, a Jewish believer himself and author of thirty books, to see where CMJ's founder, Joseph Frey, first saw where his fellow Jewish immigrants had settled at the end of the 19th century and felt God's call to reach them. Do not worry if you don't want to walk round the area - there is a plan. We will see where Jewish owned shops, still visible by their signboards, once stood. We will understand why Joseph Frey was called to reach his fellow Jewish people. On our tour we will see Bevis Marks Synagogue, the oldest synagogue in Britain, closed this year for refurbishment and will visit another interesting synagogue in the area. We will lunch in the crypt café in Christ Church. We continue our tour with Steve in the afternoon and finish back at Christ Church, Spitalfields, where memorial plaques of CMJ's founders now hang, having being taken from the Jews' Chapel at Palestine Place. We see the original font used in Palestine Place to baptize the new Jewish Believers. We join those who instead of the walking tour have been absorbing the atmosphere of Christ Church and will read the plaques dedicated to the CMJ stalwarts of the nineteenth century. We will share our findings in the crypt café over a cup of tea!

**Our tour ends approximately 4.00pm.** We will board the coach together and the driver will drop people off at a convenient train station or for those living further north we will stay on the bus and drive up the M1 dropping off at convenient service stations or at The West Retford Hotel.

Please be aware the itinerary may be subject to changes, but hopefully only the swapping of activities to better accommodate everything.

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