



# The CMJ Pilgrim Fathers Tour

## 11 – 19 September 2021



Led by Chris & Jane Moxon

The cost is £1,160 if 24  
people, £1,225  
if 20 people. Single  
Supplement is £150.

Half board

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## DAY 1 - 11th September

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

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

Our tour starts in North Nottinghamshire with an afternoon visit 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 lecture: *The Pilgrim Fathers*  
by Adrian Gray MA (Cantab) and author at Pilgrims & Prophets.

Overnight: Ye Olde Bell, Barnby Moor, Retford,  
North Nottinghamshire DN22 8QS



## DAY 2 - 12th September

Leaving Retford behind, we now concentrate on five Pilgrim Fathers who all came from a small area known as the ‘Pilgrim Quadrilateral’, 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. After lunch at the Pilgrim Fathers Pub in Scrooby 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.

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 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 & USA. Arriving in Lincoln we will walk the quaint streets. Enjoy an evening in historic Lincoln, have a meal and view the amazing west front at night – the best time. We hear about the early Jewish community here and see the Jews House, home to the richest man in England! Anti-Semitism seems never far away and here we learn about Little Hugh of Lincoln and the Blood Libel.

Overnight: The Lincoln Hotel, Eastgate, Lincoln, Lincolnshire LN2 1PN

## DAY 3 - 13th 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 coffee! We journey on to Cambridge where we book into Maddingly Hall before a tour of Cambridge Colleges to see where the Pilgrim Fathers studied. We also visit Holy Trinity Church where Rev Charles Simeon was vicar for 50 years 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 briefcase and umbrella still grace the vestry in the church. There’s always an excitement seeing artefacts from another age, they create a bridge over which we may enter their world. We will enjoy dinner at Maddingly Hall, Cambridge.

Overnight: Maddingly Hall, Maddingly, Cambridge, CB23 8AQ

## DAY 4 - 14th September

We head for Blandford Forum, Devon (the most complete, small Georgian town in England), stopping for lunch at Stansted Park on the Hampshire/East Sussex border. Stansted House 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 make a short stop in



Southampton to see West Quay where both The Mayflower and The Speedwell set sail from 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.

Overnight: The George Hotel, Blandford Forum, Dorset

## DAY 5 - 15th September

We travel to Plymouth, stopping in Dartmouth for lunch, a look at the harbour where both the Mayflower and the Speedwell set sail from only to return to Plymouth when the Speedwell sprang a leak.



*Mayflower & Speedwell in Dartmouth Harbour*

*By Wilcox*

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.

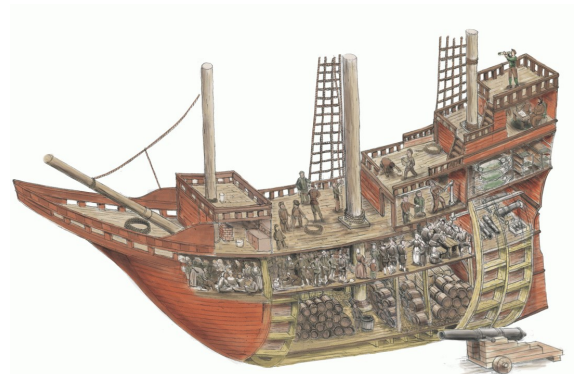
Overnight: Fox House, 8 Whimble St, Plymouth PL1 2DH



## DAY 6 - 16th September

Mayflower 400th Anniversary Day - Take II.

The Mayflower sailed on the 6th September but the 1752 amendments to the Gregorian Calendar changed the date by 10 days to 16th September - today! We shall visit the 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!



Here, in Plymouth CMJ's Rabbi Michael Solomon Alexander lived as a Shochet and tutor. A local minister 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 connected to him.

Overnight: Fox House, 8 Whimble St, Plymouth PL1 2DH

## **DAY 7 - 17th September**

As we travel up to London we hear about Joseph Frey and why CMJ began in 1809. Arriving at our hotel we check in and then there may be time for a trip around sites of significance in London - Kings College where Michael Solomon Alexander was Professor of Hebrew before he left for Jerusalem in 1842 and the place where William Wilberforce, one of the founders of CMJ lived. We will have dinner in the hotel.

Overnight: The Royal Foundation of St Katharine, 2 Butcher Row, London E14 8DS

## **DAY 8 - 18th September**

We visit Bethnal Green where Joseph Frey and his fellow workers bought five acres of land to build Palestine Place, a new community for the new Jewish Believers in Jesus. We may drive to Clapham where the famous Clapham Sect lived including William Wilberforce. We will see in Blackfriars the site of *The Earthquake Synod*, where the Archbishop of Canterbury condemned Wycliffe to death. We move on to the London Museum to see what we can find that relates to the Jewish people of the area and see the plaque to Wesley's *The Aldersgate Confession*. There are other sites we may visit and final details are on-going. In the streets around Greenwich, famous for the Greenwich Observatory, we see how the area looked where the crew and the 'Strangers' first boarded the Mayflower. In Rotherhithe we will see where the Mayflower set off from and where, years later, was dismantled. We will have dinner at the Mayflower Pub in Rotherhithe, by the side of the River Thames.

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## **DAY 9 - 19th 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 area by 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 and their families. 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. If open, 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 work out where the best drop-off point will be. There may be more than one.

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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