

## **Grace & Gardens in England's 'Green and Pleasant Land'**

Pilgrimage Itinerary  
September 7 – 19, 2024

The Rev. Dr. Harrison McLeod  
The Very Rev. Ian S. Markham, Ph.D.  
The Rev. J. Barney Hawkins IV, Ph.D.

### **Saturday, September 7**

Arrival The Rubens at the Palace Hotel, overlooking Buckingham Palace and close to Victoria Station

**4:00 pm** A walking orientation of the area beginning from the lobby of the hotel for those who wish to join.

**7:30 pm** Welcoming dinner (included) and remarks from Dean Markham, "Introduction to Anglicanism and England;" and Dr. Hawkins, "A Theology of Pilgrimage."

### **Sunday, September 8**

**8:00 am** Breakfast (All breakfasts are included.)

**11:00 am** The Holy Eucharist at Westminster Abbey (a short walk) or a parish church of your choice.

**Afternoon and evening are free** for museums such as The Queen's Gallery at Buckingham Palace; shows in the West End; and gardens, such as Kensington Gardens or Queen Mary's Rose Gardens.

**5:30 pm** Dinner at a quintessential English pub (included)

### **Monday, September 9**

**6:00 am** Breakfast

**7:30 am** *Optional* Matins and garden walk at Lambeth Palace

**12:30 pm** Visit to Westminster Abbey and lunch in the Jerusalem Chamber (included). Tours the garden and the archaeology site for the new King Charles III Sacristy building which will be the first major building in the country to be named after the new King.

**5:00 pm** Evensong at Westminster Abbey.

**Evening free.**

### **Tuesday, September 10**

**8:00 am** Breakfast

**9:00 am** Take the Underground from the Rubens to St. Paul's Cathedral

**10:00 am** Tour of St. Paul's Cathedral

Afternoon FREE in London for lunch, museums, theater and shopping, with or without guides.

**3:00 pm** *Optional* Gather at the Shoppe and garden of Robert Kime, interior decorator for Clarence House and Highgrove, homes of King Charles. London Showroom, 190-192 Ebury St, London SW1W 8UP, UK

**Evening Free.**

### **Wednesday, September 11**

**8:00 am** Breakfast

**9:00 am** Pick up from the Rubens and transfer with luggage to The Abode in Canterbury. Please note: because the entrance to The Abode is on a pedestrian street, there will be a two minute walk from coach to the hotel. Lunch on your own as you explore Canterbury, a cathedral city in southeast England which was a pilgrimage site in the Middle Ages. We will also marvel at the Cathedral, dating from 597AD when Augustine, sent by Pope Gregory the Great arrived on the coast of Kent as a missionary.

**5:15 pm** Meet at Canterbury Cathedral for Evensong, which begins at 5:30pm

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**6:30 pm** Reception in the Campanil Gardens

**7:00 pm** Dinner at The Refectory Restaurant at the Canterbury Cathedral Lodge followed by candlelit walk in the dark Cathedral with vespers at the shrine of the martyred Thomas Becket who was Archbishop of Canterbury from 1162 until his murder in 1170.

**9:30 pm** Walk back to The Abode

### **Thursday, September 12**

**8:00 am** Breakfast

**9:30 am** Travel by coach to nearby Sissinghurst Castle Garden, a famous 20th century garden with its series of ten smaller "garden rooms," created by Vita Sackville-West.

**10:30 am** Guided tour of Sissinghurst Castle Garden

**12:00 pm** Lunch at the Upper Granary Restaurant (included)

**2:00 pm** Depart Sissinghurst with time to explore Canterbury: St. Augustine's Abbey, Westgate Towers, The Crooked House

**Evening Free**

### **Friday, September 13**

**8:00 am** Breakfast

Transfer from Canterbury to Cambridge and the University Arms Hotel. Enjoy punting on the River Cam or exploring the glories of this university city. Cambridge University (1209) colleges include King's, famed for its choir and towering Gothic chapel, as well as Trinity, founded by Henry VIII and St. John's with its 16th century Great Gate.

**7:00 pm** Dinner with The Canon Rev. Mark Oakley in the Wordsworth Rooms of St. John's College (included)

### **Saturday, September 14**

**8:00 am** Breakfast

**9:00 am** Travel by coach the 30 miles to Little Gidding, near Sawtry within Huntingdonshire. Little Gidding was the home of a small Anglican religious community established in 1626 by

Nicholas Ferrar. In the 20th century, the poet T. S. Eliot was inspired by the legacy of Little Gidding and incorporated historical elements and symbols of it into his poem, "Little Gidding," as part of his collection Four Quartets (1945). There will be a service in St. John's Church and our guest preacher will be the poet-priest Malcolm Guite.

**10:30 am** Eucharist in the Little Gidding St. John's Church with guest preacher will be the poet-priest Malcolm Guite, followed by lunch at the Ferrar House.

**12:00 pm** Lunch of soup, rolls, coffee, tea and pudding at Little Gidding (included)

**1:30 pm** Return to Cambridge

### **Evening Free**

### **Sunday, September 15**

**7:00 am** Breakfast

**8:00 am** The Holy Eucharist at King's College, Cambridge.

**9:30 am** Transfer from Cambridge to Broadway and the Lygon Arms, a refined 17-century hotel in one of the most beautiful Cotswold villages. Free day to explore on your own, the Lygon Arms and the charming village of Broadway.

### **Monday, September 16**

**8:00 am** Breakfast

**9:00 am** Travel to Oxford, "City of Dreaming Spires," with its 38 colleges.

**10:30 am** Morning free to walk the streets of Oxford.

**11:35 am** Meet at Magdalen College for afternoon events

**12:00 pm** Lunch in the Terry Newport Room at Magdalen College, and short presentation on C.S. Lewis followed by a College walking tour.

**1:00 pm** A walking tour with the C.S. Lewis Society.

**4:00 pm** Travel back to Lygon Arms and

### **Evening Free**

### **Tuesday, September 17**

**8:00 am** Breakfast

**9:30 am** Travel the 30-minute journey to Stratford-upon-Avon, a medieval market town in England 'West Midlands and the 16<sup>th</sup> century birthplace of William Shakespeare. After a matinee play, we will return to the rural beauty of the Cotswolds and the Lygon Arms.

### **Evening Free**

### **Wednesday, September 18**

**7:00 am** Breakfast

**8:15 am** Travel to Highgrove or Hidcote Manor, Champagne Tour

**6:30 pm** Farewell Dinner in Farewell Dinner in Russell's of Broadway. (included)

### **Thursday, September 19**

**6:00 am** Breakfast

**7:00 am** Transfer to Heathrow for flights home with memories for a lifetime!

**Thanks Be To God!**