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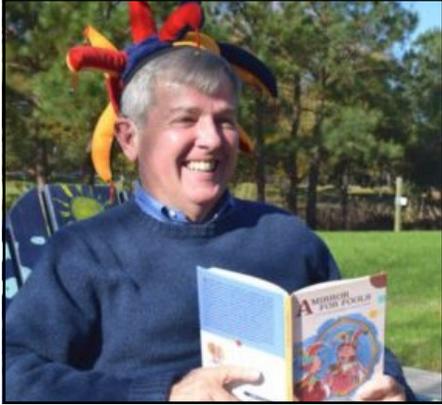
May 18-27, 2018

Hosted by Father Andrew Buchanan and Terry Lindvall



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When Geoffrey Chaucer gathered a motley company at the Tabard Inn in the 1380s, he included everyone who want to make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral at Canterbury, both those that wanted to atone for their sins and those who wanted to praise God (i.e. husbands and wives respectively).



So, Father Andy Buchanan and I invite all mixed and miscellaneous potential pilgrims to join us on a pilgrimage from Edinburgh to Canterbury from May 18-27, 2018. Like Chaucer, we welcome those estates who pray, those who fight, and those who work, and

of course, those who do none of those and have the leisure to travel.

As Chaucer's pilgrims told stories, both holy and bawdy, we welcome all who can tell their own stories on a journey through English reformation history. Our studies will range from those wandering saints, St. Columba, St. Dunstan, and St. Hilda of Whitby, to Thomas Cranmer (*Book of Common Prayer*), John Wesley, C. S. Lewis, and the Wife of Bath. Our locales will take place from holy islands to cathedrals to pubs.

We cite those verses from the prologue of *Canterbury Tales* to tease your imaginations:

- 12 Thanne longen folk to goon on pilgrimages,
Then folk long to go on pilgrimages,
- 13 And palmeres for to seken straunge strondes,
And professional pilgrims (long) to seek foreign shores,
- 14 To ferne halwes, kowthe in sondry londes;
To (go to) distant shrines, known in various lands;
- 15 And specially from every shires ende
And specially from every shire's end
- 16 Of Engelond to Caunterbury they wende,
Of England to Canterbury they travel,

Terry Lindvall, C. S. Lewis Endowed Chair of Communication and Christian Thought, Virginia Wesleyan University

Day 1: Friday, May 18: Departure

Our journey begins with overnight flights from Norfolk to Edinburgh. **(IF)**

Day 2: Saturday, May 19: Edinburgh

We will arrive in Edinburgh and meet our tour director and board our bus. Our driver will take us on an orientation tour of the city. We will tour Edinburgh Castle in the afternoon, visit John Knox' House and have some free time on the Royal Mile. We will check-in to our centrally-located hotel and dine together in the early evening. **(IF/D)**



Day 3: Sunday, May 20: Edinburgh

St Giles' Cathedral is often called the Mother Church of World Presbyterianism. We will attend the 10:00 AM morning service. John Knox first preached here in 1559. It was reported that "he was so active and vigorous it looked as if he was about to break. After some free time for lunch, we will see Greyfriar's Church, Magdalene Chapel, Holyrood Palace, and explore the Royal Mile. We will dine in a traditional Scottish restaurant this evening. **(B/D)**

Day 4: Monday, May 21: Holy Island

Lindisfarne, known today as Holy Island, is a tidal island off the Northumbrian coast. St. Aidan was sent here as a missionary from Iona and established a monastery in around 630 AD. Vikings destroyed the original monastery and monks fled from the island. The present Lindisfarne Priory is a dramatic ruin, modeled after Durham Cathedral. This is where the famous Lindisfarne Gospels were produced. Even secular historians refer to Lindisfarne as "the most holy place in England." After time to view the 16th century castle, we will



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continue our journey to Durham, where we will have a private tour of the Cathedral and the newly opened exhibits area Open Treasure. We will end our visit with an exclusive meal and fellowship time in the Cathedral restaurant, just for our group. **(B/D)**



Day 5: Tuesday, May 22: York

After breakfast, we will drive to York. Our guided afternoon walking tour of York will include a walk atop the ancient city walls and a tour of York Minster Cathedral, the biggest medieval church in England. Christianity has an early heritage in York. By 306, when Constantine the Great was proclaimed Emperor in York, it is believed there was a small Christian community. In 312 he issued a general edict of toleration for the Christian Church and York became a center of Christianity. After checking into the hotel, the rest of the day is free. **(B)**

Day 6: Wednesday, May 23: Stratford-upon-Avon

On the drive south, we will stop in Stratford-upon-Avon with free time for lunch. This was Shakespeare's home town for many years and the town has a world-class theater. Subject to availability we will visit C.S. Lewis' home, The Kiln's, on the way into Oxford. We will dine in our hotel this evening. **(B/D)**

Day 7: Thursday, May 24: Oxford

Oxford is one of England's famous University cities with a rich Reformation history. The early English reformer, John Wycliffe, was a professor at the university. Other well-known students included Bible translator William Tyndale and the great revivalist preacher George Whitefield. We will have a walking orientation

tour including Christ Church College Cathedral, and the Martyr Memorial. In the afternoon we will tour Magdalene College and Addison's Way. The bus will then take us out to the Trout Inn on the Thames, where we can order the meal of our choice (not included). **(B)**

Day 8: Friday, May 25: Canterbury

This morning we will drive to Canterbury to visit the magnificent Cathedral. We will hear about Thomas Becket's murder in 1170 and see a number of royal tombs. We will also visit the ancient ruins of St Augustine's Abbey. We will end the tour with Evensong at 5:30 PM, followed by a group dinner.



Day 9: Saturday, May 26: Hampton Court, Windsor

After breakfast we will drive to Hampton Court. In 1604, James I commissioned the King James Version of the Bible during the Hampton Court Conference and we will discuss this in the room where it happened. In the Chapel Royal, we will hear how Henry VIII's decision to allow production of the Bible was influenced by his last wife, Catherine Parr. After the tour we will have time to stroll through the beautiful gardens and try and find our way to the center of the maze. Our farewell meal will be in our hotel, or in a local restaurant. **(B/D)**

Day 10: Sunday, May 27: Depart

We will transfer to Heathrow Airport for the return trip to the USA **(B)**

IF = In flight meals, B = Breakfast, D = Dinner

Tour Price: \$2,600*per person land only

*Price based on double occupancy with a minimum of 30 participants

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- Transportation: via deluxe air-conditioned coaches
- Accommodations (double-occupancy) in 3 and 4-star hotels
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Professional tour director throughout the tour
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- Guides will use Whisper headsets throughout the tour
- Entrance fees included as per itinerary
- All transfers, as a group
- Insurance during the tour (upgrade available)
- Baggage handling (1 piece of baggage per guest)
- All taxes and tips except as indicated below

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- Round-trip air from Norfolk, VA (available soon)
- Single supplement (\$550)
- Meals and beverages not identified in itinerary
- Items of a personal nature, such as passports and visas. Passports must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.
- Pre-tour cancellation insurance (from \$132)
- Gratuities for tour director and driver

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- Final invoices will be sent in February 2018
- Final payment is due by March 8, 2018
- Reservations will be accepted after March 8, 2018, subject to availability

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