

The Way of Contemplation 7-11th September 2009

Yes please, I am enclosing my £60 non-refundable deposit
7-11 Sept 2009 (Cheques payable to M. Hutton please)

I would like a Twin room (£355) / Single room (suppl. £35)

(Please note: We are able to allocate single rooms for 2 nights at Norwich; at Walsingham singles are allocated by the Shrine, rather than ourselves, on the basis of numbers – enrolled. We are sure this will work out to suit everyone – “All shall be well!”)

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If you wish for your confirmation to be posted to you, please
enclose SAE. Otherwise we will correspond/confirm by email.
Thank you.

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The Way of Contemplation: *An exploration of Medieval Ways and Byways*



Monday 7th – Friday 11th Sept 2009
**Travelling to Cambridge, Norwich, Walsingham and
Ely**

Jupiter Trust Pilgrimage 2009

The Way of Contemplation

Two continuing threads weave through our Pilgrimage Journey in 2009. Firstly, we will travel through East Anglia with an awareness of a great mythical tradition - subtly understood and given expression by writers and artists such as William Blake and Samuel Palmer - of the English landscape as a unique and sacred thing, at whose heart lies a mystical connection between Nature, Man and the Divine.

Running parallel with this tradition is the concept of England as "The Dowry of Mary", a title arising from the extensive devotion to Our Lady found in England before the Reformation. In Walsingham (*"Englands Nazareth"*), the vision of our Lady given to the Lady Richeldis gave birth to a Shrine intended to re-create the Holy House on English soil, with all that this implies; very little seems to have changed since medieval times in this curious little East Anglian town, about which so many books, poems and songs have been written - now, since the 19th century, a location for a great revival in pilgrimage.

East Anglia was home in early times to many saints, shrines, sanctuaries and mystics, unique among whom is of course Julian of Norwich. Today we find great meaning and significance in the ability of Julian to stay true to her own visions, whilst walking in harmony with the established orders of the time. Her focus on the loving nature of God, and her unique spiritual path perhaps explains the resonance we feel with her teaching in our own times, as we seek validity for a new way in which to honour all spiritual traditions equally - a vision costing, as T.S. Eliot also said, "not less than everything".

"And all shall be well and
All manner of thing shall be well
When the tongues of flame are in-folded
Into the crowned knot of fire
And the fire and the rose are one"

T.S. Eliot *Four Quartets*

We leave early on on 7th September from Clifton Hampden (parking available). In Cambridge we meet with sacred sites expert Giles Bryant, who will lead us on a walk of the "Seven Church Ley" - the city's landscape temple. We stay for 2 nights in Norwich (known in the Middle Ages as the "city of anchorites") at the University of East Anglia, where the accommodation is en-suite in a comfortable Hall of Residence. During our stay we will have a talk from Dr Brian Thorne, a Julian specialist, and there will be a visit to Julian's restored Shrine, with time to visit the serene Norman-Gothic Cathedral and the old town.

En-route we may pause to see some of the many fine churches in this part of Norfolk, and also to include a visit to King's Lynn, home of the colourful pilgrim and mystic Margery Kempe. In Walsingham, we will stay at the Anglican Shrine of our Lady in the pilgrim-style hostel accommodation around a beautiful garden. There may be pilgrim walks to the National Shrine of our Lady (the Slipper Chapel) during our stay, and you will have time for reflection and exploration after our own guided walk. We will arrange an optional visit to the stately Houghton Hall, with its fine newly-restored gardens.

Finally, in complete contrast we have a visit through the sanctuary-country of the Fens to the city of Ely, once known as *The Sacred Island of the English*. We have arranged to tour the hauntingly beautiful Cathedral with an expert guide, before we return home, arriving late afternoon.

We estimate the cost of the pilgrimage per person will be £355 in a twin room, with a single supplement of £35. (NB please see overleaf). This price includes all coach travel, most entrance fees, and 4 nights bed, breakfast and evening meals in Norwich and Walsingham (most lunches are at leisure, with one optional group lunch at a good restaurant in Walsingham). We have endeavoured to keep our costs low this year.

We would like to welcome you to join our group, which is always open and friendly. All activities are optional, and you may choose to join in or not just as you wish.

We look forward to hearing from you.