

Berwick -upon -Tweed Educational Association

Visiting Churches and Churchyards: a series of four day schools

led by Peter Regan

13th, 20th and 27th June, and 4th July 2017 10 – 4.00pm

This course is designed to help people to:

- **'read' a church**
- **find their way around traditional English churches**
- **understand their architecture**
- **find out about the historical factors which have shaped them**
- **identify forms of worship**

We will start each of the first two Tuesdays with a lecture and discussion. In these two mornings we will look at the history and varieties of Christianity, and consider what peculiarities to expect of churches in Northumberland. We will look at illustrations of the work of the people, both famous and forgotten, who have left behind them some wonderful buildings, memorials and works of art.

Over the centuries, there have been huge changes in the ways people have worshipped, how they have wanted to be remembered, and how they have used their churches. This course will provide a framework for understanding those changes, by visiting a range of churches within reach of Berwick:

Programme. (Timings are approximate, dependent on parking, weather, route finding etc.)

Day 1. Tuesday 13th June. 10.00 am, William Elder Building.

Morning session:

Churches quiz

Presentation 1: How to read a church

Presentation 2: Churches in Northumberland

Lunch. Please bring a packed lunch, hot drinks provided.

Afternoon visits: 1.00 pm Holy Trinity Church, Berwick TD15 2LF (Walk or park on Parade)

3.00 pm St Bartholomew's Church, Tweedmouth TD15 2AJ

Park in Church Road or Dock Road

Day 2. Tuesday 20th June. 10.00 am, William Elder Building

Morning Session:

Presentation 1: The Reformation and the Parish church

Presentation 2: The Church of England in the 19th Century

Lunch. Please bring a packed lunch, hot drinks provided

Afternoon visits: 1.00 pm St Cuthbert's Church, Norham TD15 2LF.

Park in road outside churchyard

3.00 pm St Anne's Church, Ancroft TD15 2TE

Room for 5/6 cars in lane outside church

Day 3. Tuesday 27th June. Visits to three town churches.

10.00 am Meet at St Lawrence's Church, Warkworth NE65 0UR
Park on riverside behind church, or in Dial Place.
There are public toilets in Brewery Lane, signposted
Midday, St Michael's Church, Alnwick NE66 1LY
Park in Ratten Row, opposite church
Lunch in Alnwick or bring a packed lunch
3.00 pm St Mary's Church, Belford NE70 7LS
Park in Church Street, or High Street

Day 4. Tuesday 4th July. Visits to four country churches

10.00 am Meet at St Michael and All Angels church, Alwinton, Upper Coquetdale NE65 7BE
Church is on road to Harbottle; layby outside for 6 or so cars. Small toilet at churchyard gate.
11.30, Biddlestone RC chapel NE65 7DY
Very remote. Instructions on access will be provided
12.30, Alnham, St Michael and All Angels, Alnham NE66 4TL
Park on grass outside church (on Ewarty Shank road)
Please bring a packed lunch.
2.30, Whittingham, St Bartholomew's Church NE66 4UP

- Churches can be dark places; it's a good idea to bring a torch. And perhaps wellingtons if you are keen to explore a churchyard
- Be prepared to make a small donation towards the upkeep of the churches we visit.
- All the churches we will visit have been contacted, and should be open to visitors, but in case of any unforeseen event (such as a funeral), we will find an alternative church. Confirmation of the churches and routes will be given on the first day of the course

The lectures will be held at The William Elder Building, Berwick on Tuesday mornings and the day schools will run from 10am to approximately 4pm. Transport will be arranged by car sharing. Please let Pam know if you need or can offer a lift.

The cost of the four week course is £50. **Individual sessions can also be booked at a cost of £15 per session.**

Details of this and our other courses can be found on our website at www.berwickea.co.uk

TO BOOK THE FULL COURSE please go to the bookings page of our website www.berwickea.co.uk and pay by PayPal.

TO BOOK INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS please complete the attached slip and post to Pam Campion at 10 Grange Rd, Berwick, TD15 1NN (pamcampion@sky.com or 01289 303030) together with a cheque payable to 'Berwick-upon-Tweed Educational Association', or pay Pam on the day.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel

No: _____

email: _____

Cheque enclosed to the amount of £ _____ (Visiting Churches)