THE FRIENDS OF LAMBETH PALACE LIBRARY

VISITS PROGRAMME FOR 2022 – 2023 (updated to 1st August 2022)

Please contact the visits secretary John Critchley if you would like to be included on any of these visits (hjcritchley@icloud.com, or 07786 933638).

2022

Hereford
Monday 26th September 2022

This visit, which will start at 11:00am, will include a visit the Library Reading Room where there will be a presentation of special items from the Library and Archives, including the Hereford Gospels which date from the 8th or early 9th century. We will then be able to study Mappa Mundi and a 1217 version of the Magna Carta, and then visit the Chained Library and current exhibition. A self-service lunch will be available in the nearby All Saints Church and Café and in the afternoon there will be guided tours of the Cathedral including the shrines of St Ethelbert (late 8th century) and St Thomas (late 13th century). The day will finish with Choral Evensong at 5:30pm for those who wish to stay on.

20 Friends can be accommodated on this visit and there are a small number of places available. The cost will be about £50 per head which will include Cathedral tickets, lunch and donations to the Cathedral Library and FLPL, but not travel or accommodation.

London, Watts and Company, Vestment Makers and Faith House
Tuesday 15th November 2022

This will be an afternoon visit which will include a visit to Watts and Company, Makers of Fine Vestments and Furnishings with its collection of historic robes and a tour of the collocated Faith House led by Margery Roberts.

16 Friends can be accommodated on this visit. More details about the cost and arrangements for this visit will be circulated in due course.

2023

Strasbourg, Sélestat and Colmar
Possibly May 2023

We are planning a three-day visit which will include opportunities to see in Strasbourg the Cathedral, the Palais Rohan Museum and Palais d’œuvre Notre Dame with its mediaeval museum and state apartments, the Isenheim Altarpieces in Colmar, the Bibliotèque de Beatus
Rhenanus in Sélestat and the Castle of Haute Koenigsburg. As with the visit to Bruges, options for travel and accommodation will be suggested but Friends will be expected to book individually. We will not be making block bookings for lunch, and the three-day timescale will allow a little more time for individual exploration.

The Visits Secretary and Sandy Critchley plan to carry out a reconnaissance visit to Alsace in the late summer of 2022 and will post further details after that.

Other visits still being planned include a London Book Walk with Anthony Davis, Windsor Royal Library and Eton College Library, The College of Arms, and Clare College Library, Cambridge.