

LINDISFARNE / HOLY ISLAND

Lindisfarne was the home of St Aidan, who became Bishop here in 634 A.D. (*below.*) St Cuthbert became Prior in 664 A.D.

Our week here will offer the chance to learn about these saints, and their island home. This tidal island is an ideal place for rest and reflection.

It is necessary to remember that it *is* an island, although it is joined to the mainland by a causeway which is **usable only at low tide**.

There is a village, with shops to cater for the residents and (more particularly) the tourists; these include a small Post Office (*photo*).



THINGS TO DO

- See the extensive Priory ruins.
 - Visit the Lindisfarne Centre in the village, and find out about the beautiful hand-written and hand-illustrated Lindisfarne Gospels.
 - Visit the Castle on the rock.
 - Visit the Island's churches, and meet people. (*Parish church above*)
 - Attend in-house illustrated talks.
 - Go on guided walks with two British members of IEF, who know the Island well.

PRACTICAL MATTERS

COST: With 2012 prices not yet known, we reckon that if there is not a phenomenal increase in costs £198.00 per person (Monday afternoon to Friday breakfast) should cover the costs.

This is a low-lying island just off the North-east coast of England, and it can be wet and windy, so bring water-proof, wind-proof clothes, comfortable shoes for walking, binoculars if you like bird-watching, art materials if you like to sketch or paint.

We shall be staying in two houses belonging to the religious community there – Marygate House and Cambridge House. Accommodation is comfortable but basic. Rooms are for 2, 3, or 4 people, so you will be prepared to share.

Food is good, but help clearing up after meals is appreciated.

Numbers are limited to a total of 25 in the two houses. It would be possible to have Bed and Breakfast accommodation in nearby guest houses, but this would incur an extra cost. Lunch and evening meals will all be taken together, with an absolute maximum of 35 people.

TRAVEL

By air. Newcastle is the best airport, and is connected by Metro trains with the

Central Station in Newcastle. (They go underground in the City Centre.) From Newcastle Central Station, take a train to Berwick-on-Tweed.

By train. Trains run regularly through the day from London King's Cross to Edinburgh and Glasgow, and some to other Scottish destinations, almost all of them making a stop in Newcastle. Take one which stops at Berwick-on-Tweed, and alight there. We shall arrange for you to be met there and taken to Holy Island. (It is highly advisable to book a seat on the train; there is no charge for this.)

By road. Drive up the A1, past Newcastle and Alnwick, until you are less than 10 miles from Berwick, where you will meet a sign to turn right for Holy Island. Be sure that the tide is safe before you use the causeway. People have to be rescued from their cars every year, and some have died, all because they ignore the warnings.

Parking. There is free on-road parking near the accommodation, so ignore the tourist car-park.

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BOOKING

It would be very helpful to have an idea of numbers in good time, so if you may be interested in coming, please let Cynthia and David know as soon as possible, without obligation. We will send a booking form when the prices are confirmed. Contact details above, or by post to – 20 Kent Place, SOUTH SHIELDS, NE34 6PU, England. Please give an email address if you are happy to receive information by that means.



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FRENCH**

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