

## AUTUMN OUTING -THURSDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019

### VISIT TO THE TEMPLE CHURCH AND THE MIDDLE TEMPLE

*The Temple Church is the church of the Inner and Middle Temples and is one of the oldest churches in London. The Temple was built by the Knights Templars (an order of crusading monks founded in 1118 to protect pilgrims to the Holy Land) and was their headquarters in England. The Church was consecrated in 1185 and is modelled on the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. Among the effigies in the Church is that of William Marshall Chief Advisor to King John and Regent in the minority of Henry III. The Templars were suppressed in 1307-11 and the lawyers of the Inner and Middle Temple later secured the occupancy by Grant of Letters from King James I on condition that they keep up the Church and services.*

*The Middle Temple Hall was begun in 1562 and is the finest example of an Elizabethan Hall in London, spanned by a magnificent hammer-beam roof. There are oil paintings of Queen Elizabeth I and of Charles I by Van Dyke and Charles II by Geoffrey Kneller. The High Table is made up of 29 inch planks from a single oak tree, a gift from Queen Elizabeth I from Windsor Park (note Queen Elizabeth I's gift to Christ Church Cathedral of an oak tree from Windsor Park for the Bell Altar!). In 1526 it was in the Hall that Francis Drake was rapturously received for a successful campaign against the Spanish and for bring back Raleigh's Roanoke colonists. The hatch cover of Drake's Golden Hind was used for the 'cupboard' which is the table on which is laid the book that members sign when called to the Bar.*

*The first recorded performance of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night took place in the Temple Hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1602*

#### **Programme:**

8.15am	Depart Redbridge Park & Ride
8.40am	Depart Bus stop opposite Thornhill Park & Ride.
11.00am	Arrive at the Temple Church to be met by Matt Power now verger of the Temple Church Followed by tour of Church with Robin Griffith-Jones, the Master
12.30pm	Lunch in Middle Temple Hall
2.45pm	Depart
4.30pm	Arrive Thornhill Park & Ride
5.30pm	Arrive Redbridge bus stop.

#### **Tickets : Friends - £55.00 each/Guests £57.00 each**

*Included:* Coach and tip, tour of Temple Church and 2 course lunch.

*Refunds:* It is not possible to offer refunds. However if the Outing is over-subscribed a reserve list will be started. If you need to cancel you will be put in touch with someone on that reserve list.

**EVENT ORGANISER: Kathryn Murphy (Telephone 01635 201254)**

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**To: Kathryn Murphy, Event Organiser, (Telephone 01635 201254). Friends of Christ Church Cathedral, at the address below.**

Please send .....tickets for Friends and .....for Guests for the Autumn Outing to the Temple Church and Middle Temple. I enclose a cheque, *made payable to the Friends of Christ Church Cathedral*, for £..... and a STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE.

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