



The Church of Scotland in The Holy Land

15-23 January 2008



An opportunity for Scottish clergy to see first hand the Church of Scotland
at work in the Holy Land

The World Mission Council invites Church of Scotland ministers to come and see first hand the work of the church in the Holy Land

This is an invitation to Church of Scotland ministers to experience first-hand the Scots Hotel St Andrew's Galilee. Our party will be accommodated in the new Tiberias hotel for three nights and we will also stay in the homely St. Andrew's Guest House in Jerusalem for four nights. We will visit the traditional places of pilgrimage around Jerusalem and the Sea of Galilee and be privileged to meet the people, the living stones, of 'the land'. A highlight will be a visit to Tabetha, the Church of Scotland school in Jaffa.

The Church of Scotland has had an active, vibrant presence around the Sea of Galilee for over 100 years. This is an opportunity to join me on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and to see for yourself this latest development in our continuing mission and to become part of its future!

Our hope is that this visit will inspire you to plan a parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land staying in Church of Scotland accommodation.



The Very Revd Dr Andrew McLellan, Tour Leader



TOUR INFORMATION

The cost of this leaders pilgrimage is £499 sharing a twin-bedded room with private facilities. Accommodation is at the two Church of Scotland owned hotels in the Holy Land. In Jerusalem we stay at the small and homely St Andrew's Guest House and in Tiberias we have the opportunity to experience first hand the large investment the church has made to transform the old "Scots hospice" into the first class Scots Hotel. Both are ready and waiting to welcome pilgrim parties from Scotland. This is your opportunity to sample the product and return home and perhaps plan to take a group from your parish.

This pilgrimage is on a full-board basis with breakfast, lunch and evening meal included daily. Touring is by air-conditioned coach hosted by Nazareth Coach Company and entrance fees to the sites mentioned are included. The Very Revd Dr Andrew McLellan will co-ordinate leadership of the party assisted by local guides and McCabe and Church of Scotland staff. Visas are not required for British passport holders. **Flights are with KLM from Edinburgh, Glasgow or Aberdeen to Tel Aviv via Amsterdam.**

Spouses are welcome to join this tour subject to space being available. Travel insurance is not included in the sum above but McCabe's insurers, Preferential, is offering a reduced premium of £29 for this holiday (subject to no pre-existing medical conditions). You should budget on an amount of £20 per person for a group gratuity fund which will be collected and disbursed locally to those who help us on our journey. Single rooms are available at a supplementary charge of £90. Any special requests should be noted on the Booking Form. A deposit is payable at the time of booking and the balance is then payable eight weeks prior to departure.



Nazareth Village



TO MAKE A RESERVATION

To reserve your place on this tour, please complete the enclosed Booking Form and send it with a deposit of £100 plus the insurance premium of £29, if required, to the McCabe office. Please make cheques payable to 'McCabe Pilgrimages'.

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DAILY PROGRAMME

Tuesday 15 January JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND

We fly with KLM from Edinburgh, Glasgow or Aberdeen departing approximately 1530. We connect on to flight KL 461 departing Amsterdam at 2100 hours and arriving in Tel Aviv at 0230 the following morning.

Wednesday AN INTRODUCTION TO JERUSALEM

Early morning arrival and drive up to Jerusalem where our rooms will be ready for us. The morning is free to rest and recover from the overnight journey. This afternoon we



drive to the Mount of Olives where we have a panoramic view of the walled city. As we look across the Kidron Valley we see the Golden Gate, the Dome of the Rock and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We walk down to Dominus Flevit Chapel where we celebrate Holy Communion, continuing to the Church of All Nations in the Garden of Gethsemane. **Four night stay at St. Andrew's Church of Scotland Guest House overlooking the Old City Walls.**

Thursday THE VIA DOLOROSA

We begin on Mount Zion at the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu (the High Priest's House). We enter the Old City through Zion Gate and walk down to the Western Wall and ascend the Temple Mount to visit the el-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock. We finish our morning by the Pool of Bethesda. We celebrate the Eucharist and have lunch at the Ecce Homo convent before following the Via Dolorosa through the lanes of the Old City to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Friday TABEETHA SCHOOL

This morning we drive to Jaffa on the coast to visit The Church of Scotland School at Tabeetha.

We have lunch beside the sea and return to Jerusalem stopping for worship at the Benedictine church at Abu Guosh, which is associated with Jesus' post-resurrection appearance at Emmaus.

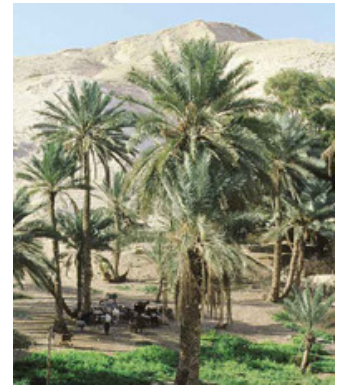


Saturday THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND AT WORK IN BETHLEHEM

Today we cross into Palestinian territory to visit Bethlehem. We celebrate Holy Communion in the Shepherds Fields and visit the Basilica and Grotto of the Nativity in Manger Square. We have lunch at the Lutheran Christmas church and meet Revd Mitri Raheb and see some of the wonderful work he is doing in Bethlehem in partnership with the Church of Scotland. We will also meet up with Helen Shehade, an elder of St. Andrew's church, at the Al Shuruq Blind School.

Sunday JERICHO

Morning worship at St. Andrew's Church of Scotland. We then leave Jerusalem and drive past the desert monastery of St George in Wadi Kelt to Jericho and take a cable-car ride up to the Mount of Temptation. We have a late lunch in a garden restaurant and continue north to the Sea of Galilee. **Three night stay at the Scots Hotel St. Andrew's Galilee in Tiberias, close to the places associated with Jesus' early life and ministry.**



Monday NAZARETH

We ascend Mount Tabor in taxis to visit the Basilica of the Transfiguration and enjoy magnificent views over the plain of Armageddon. We continue to Nazareth where we visit Nazareth Village before lunching at St. Margaret's Guest House. This afternoon we visit the Basilica of the Annunciation and synagogue before returning to Tiberias visiting Cana, scene of Jesus first miracle, en route.

Tuesday THE LAKESIDE MINISTRY

Today we visit the sites associated with Jesus' life around the Sea of Galilee. Sail to the north of the lake and visit the ruins of Capernaum, Jesus's Galilean base. We continue to Mensa Christi (where Jesus appeared to his



disciples after his resurrection) and celebrate Holy Communion on the shores of the lake at Tabgha beside the Church of the Loaves and Fishes. Lunch is at the Convent of the Beatitudes. Here, we visit the church and garden which commemorate the Sermon on the Mount. Afternoon free to draw together strands of our pilgrimage, relax and swim in the lake. Following our final dinner together, there will be some time to relax before departing for the airport at around midnight! (We will arrange a late check-out for access to the rooms).

Wednesday 23 January HOMEWARD BOUND

Our return flight KL462 departs Tel Aviv at 0530, arriving in Amsterdam at 0930 to connect with onward flights to Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen. All three flights arrive back in Scotland at approximately 1500 hours.

During our stay Rev Jane Barron in Jerusalem and Jen Zielinski in Tiberias will organise evening speakers and opportunities to meet with members of the local communities.

The programme and flight details are subject to change but we fully expect to visit all of the places mentioned



JOIN US IN THE HOLY LAND

Pilgrimage is the lifeblood of so many people in the Holy Land including the Church of Scotland. We would like to present to you the Church of Scotland Guest House in Jerusalem and the new Scots Hotel in Tiberias and to encourage you to think about taking a pilgrimage from your parish to the Holy Land staying in Church of Scotland accommodation.

This pilgrimage will be run in a coherent and meaningful way with a worship programme, visits to sites and meetings with the local Christian community.

McCabe Pilgrimages believes this is the right time to return to the Holy Land: McCabe and its pilgrimage partners are subsidising the cost of this pilgrimage in the hope that you will return with your own party in the future. As an incentive, half of the price of this one week leaders pilgrimage will be refunded if you organise a parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land with McCabe, consisting of at least 16 people. The Church of Scotland hotels are charging a concessionary rate reflecting the actual cost of meals and staffing during the pilgrimage in the hope that you will choose Church of Scotland accommodation for your parish pilgrimage.

This is an opportunity to discover (or re-discover) how a Holy Land pilgrimage can transform you and your church!

START PLANNING A PILGRIMAGE FROM YOUR CHURCH

We encourage you to think about dates now for a pilgrimage during 2008. Perhaps set aside dates now for a parish pilgrimage and make this introductory experience part of the build-up to the play. McCabe can offer a 10 day pilgrimage on many dates for around £1,100 including flights from Scotland and all lunches. To achieve this price avoid the times when peak season supplements apply, such as Easter, Jewish holidays, mid-term holidays etc.

We recommend a Tuesday start day from Scotland with six nights in Jerusalem including a Sunday followed by three nights in Tiberias, returning on a Thursday.

McCabe will help you present a Holy Land pilgrimage to your parish as something new and representing excellent value.

Scottish dates at the Scots Hotel !

The Scots hotel in Tiberias is keeping space during the periods below for your party! Normally groups would spend six nights in Jerusalem followed by three nights in Tiberias.



Book one of the slots below *NOW* and McCabe will plan your pilgrimage around them, checking for best available flights and accommodation in Jerusalem. These dates are all Monday to Thursday in Tiberias avoiding the peak weekend holiday period.

2008

February:	4-7	11-14	18-21
March:	3-6	10-13	
April:	7-10	14-17	
May:	5-8	19-22	
September:	1-4	15-18	22-25
October:	19-23	26-30	

Key Planning Dates

We pay flight supplements around Easter and the main Jewish holidays of Pessach, Rosh Hashanah and Succot and sometimes hotel supplements. Occasionally, we can fly in the middle of a holiday without extra charge but do avoid travel on the few days preceding or ending a major holiday. The Easter peak generally starts a few days before Palm Sunday and ends on Easter day itself.

2008

March	23	Western Easter
April	20-26	Pessach
	27	Orthodox Easter
May	8	Israel Independence Day
	11	Pentecost
June	9	Shavuot (no flights)
Sept	30-1/10	Rosh Hashana
	2/9-2/10	(approx) Ramadan
Oct	9	Yom Kippur
	14-20	Succot



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