

Retreat  
Postponed  
from 2024

# SLOW GALILEE

A retreat by the Sea of Galilee

Led by  
The Rt Revd John Pritchard

25th April - 2nd May, 2025



*The Sea of Galilee from the Mount of Beatitudes*

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***In simple trust like theirs who heard  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord....***

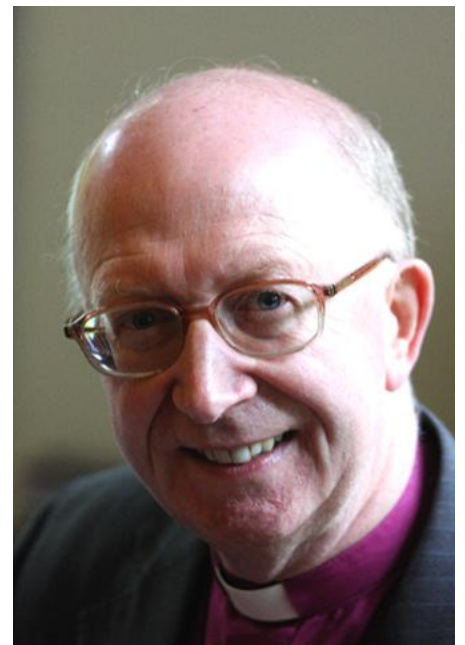
*I hope you might be interested in coming with me to hear that 'gracious calling of the Lord' on a week's retreat right by the Sea of Galilee. After the rigours and restrictions of recent years this is an ideal way for us as Christians to find deep spiritual refreshment and renewal. It will be a time to linger, reflect and rest in the region where Jesus spent nearly all of those three momentous years teaching, healing, and gathering his faithful team together before turning fatefully towards Jerusalem. The places we'll visit are all on our doorstep!*

*The context will be a gently guided retreat with plenty of space, staying at the beautiful Pilgerhaus right on the Sea of Galilee. This place is a joy – quiet and spacious with a wonderful chapel and hundreds of yards of shoreline. It's the perfect base for exploring the encounters Jesus had in Capernaum, Tabgha (feeding of the 5000), St Peter's Primacy (the restoration of Peter after the resurrection), the Mount of Beatitudes, Magdala (home of Mary Magdalene), the Mount of Transfiguration, and more. We'll join local Christians at their Sunday morning service in Nazareth, and of course we'll go out on the Sea of Galilee itself and sing! The unspoilt beauty of Galilee and the amazing story of Jesus make this a unique experience for those who want to go deeper into the heart of their faith.*

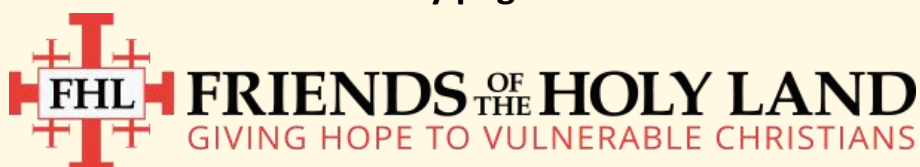
*We'd love your company.*

**+John Pritchard**

***Sarah Meyrick (writer, Assistant Editor, Church Times),  
Ben Phillips (Rector, Goring and Streatley, Sarah's husband)***



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**7.30:** *Breakfast*

**8.30:** *Morning Prayer with a Bible introduction to the theme of the day*

**09.30:** *Leave for visit to the day's particular place*

**12.30:** *Lunch (out or at the Pilgerhaus)*

**Afternoon:** *Free at the Pilgerhaus for return visits, reflection, journaling, reading, prayer, swimming, rest, or conversation over a drink on the wonderful terrace overlooking the Sea of Galilee.*

**5.30:** Celtic Evening Prayer and reflection with further input on the theme of the day.

**7.00:** Dinner

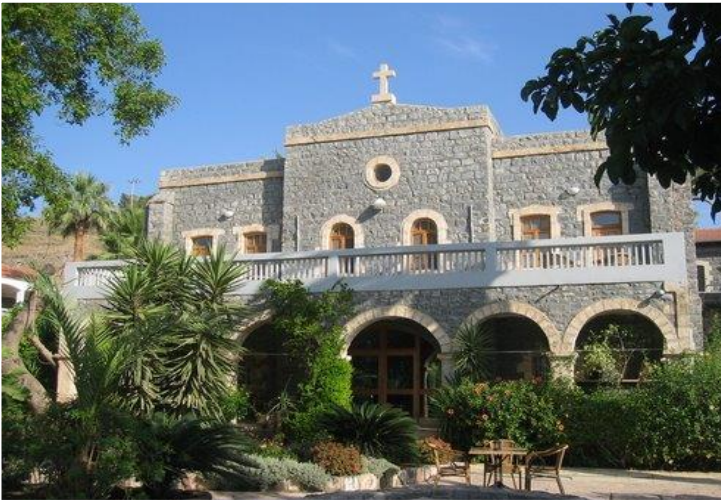
**8.30:** *Compline*

*Our worship and visits will be enormously enriched by Ben and Sarah's musical gifts*



## THE PILGERHAUS - OUR RETREAT HOUSE

The Pilgerhaus is a beautiful Benedictine guest house situated in Tabgha and on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. The guest house is connected to the Church in Tabgha that commemorates the miracle of the multiplication. Its location is ideal for retreats and offers all the facilities of a 3-4 star hotel. It is very quiet and peaceful and set in pretty grounds that gives it a serene and tranquil feeling and is an ideal base for exploring the sites around the lake. All rooms are en-suite and air-conditioned. Wi-fi is available free in most of the rooms and lobby area.





Pilgrimages to the Holy Land are wonderful and life-changing but they're also exhausting. Experiences pile on top of each other and can leave pilgrims wondering what they've actually seen that day! Slow Galilee is the alternative. Instead of going wide we go deep; we give ourselves time to soak up the rich significance of those gospel stories we know so well – right there where they happened.

We do all this in the loveliest of surroundings at the best time of year when it will be hot but not uncomfortable - as it might be in the height of summer. And we'll be staying at the most hospitable pilgrim base in Galilee, the Pilgerhaus, right on the shoreline where Jesus spent so much of his time.

We have just 30 places so don't delay if you'd like to come.

***+John***





### **TRAVELLING ON YOUR OWN**

A large proportion of our passengers travel alone and object to expensive "single room" supplements. Please indicate this on your booking form (share twin-bedded room) and we will accommodate you with a person of the same sex also travelling alone and would also like to share a room. If we are unable to accommodate you in a shared twin, we will place you in single room at a cost of £3115. If you require single accommodation you should request this when booking and the appropriate price will apply.

### **PASSPORTS, VISAS & HEALTH**

A full valid 10 year passport is necessary for all our tours. Check **NOW** that it is valid for the duration of your tour and validity runs for a further 6 months after your return to the UK. British passport holders will be issued a visa free of charge on arrival in the Holy Land. Holders of other passports please contact Lightline Pilgrimages on 01992 576065 for advice. At present no inoculations are required, however we advise you to consult your doctor regarding your own personal requirements.

As this retreat involves a bit of walking and some of the terrain is not suited to people that require walking aides, or to people who depend on wheelchairs for mobility. By signing up for this pilgrimage, you are agreeing that you have noted this advice, and that you are fit enough to undertake the trip.

### **SPECIAL PRICE FOR BOOKING BOTH RETREATS**

Should you be interested in booking both the Jerusalem and Galilee Retreats please call Lightline Pilgrimages for the special combined Tour cost.

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## INCLUSIVE COSTS

Shared Twin Room per person - £2765

Share of Twin Room per person - £2765

Single Room per person - £3465

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- ✓ **Scheduled flights on British Airways from London Heathrow Airport**  
London Heathrow / Tel Aviv BA 165 08:30/15:35  
Tel Aviv / London Heathrow BA 164 16:50/20:30  
*Please note the above times are local and are subject to change*
- ✓ **All airport departure & passenger taxes (UK & Israel).**
- ✓ **Accommodation at the Pilgerhaus (Situated on the shores of the lake)**  
All rooms are en-suite with air-conditioning
- ✓ **Full board basis (breakfast, lunch & dinner).**
- ✓ **All entrance fees and local government taxes.**
- ✓ **All touring in modern air-conditioned tourist coaches.**
- ✓ **Personal guiding audio-system headset.**

**The only items not included in the tour cost are:**  
Travel insurance, Gratuities (£80) and any items of a personal nature (laundry & drinks etc).



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**PASSENGER DETAILS. Please insert Lead Passenger details in the BLUE BOX SECTION.**

Title Mr/Mrs	Given Names as Appears in passport	Surname	Nationality	Date of Birth DD/MM/YYYY	Passport Number	Expiry Date DD/MM/YYYY

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Please tick this box to confirm that you have read and agree to the bookings terms and conditions on behalf of all the passengers that are named above and at the time of booking no circumstances are known which are likely to lead to cancellation or the curtailment of the pilgrimage by any passenger. I understand all correspondence will be sent to my address.

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**ACCOMMODATION (Please tick appropriate box)**

Twin Bed Room

Shared Twin Room

Single Room

**REMARKS / SPECIAL DIET / ETC**

*We will ensure that our hotels and restaurants are advised, but special diets of any kind (including vegetarian, vegan, coeliac etc ) can seldom be catered for adequately and we cannot guarantee we will be able to meet your requests.*

**TOUR PAYMENT**

Deposit per person  @ £250 = £

Total Enclosed = £

<p>Please send the completed booking form together with your cheque to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LIGHTLINE PILGRIMAGES LTD</b>  <b>Unit 10, Coopersale Hall Farm,</b>  <b>Epping CM16 7PE</b></p> <p>Tel: 01992 576065    E-mail: info@lightline.org.uk</p>	<p>We accept Visa Debit Cards </p> <p><b>Bank Transfer Details:</b>                  A/c Name: Lightline Pilgrimages Ltd                  A/c No: 26082543                  Sort Code: 50-30-25</p> <p><i>Please state your name on the transfer</i></p>
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