

Pilgrim Hall Weekend

What?

Pilgrim Hall provides facilities and accommodation for up to 120 guests. It is an ecumenical Christian organisation. Pilgrim Hall principally exists to enable Christian groups, churches and organisations to get away to a place of peace, and enjoy excellent facilities. The recreational facilities are free and include a tennis court, croquet lawn, five-a-side football pitch, volleyball court, rounders and cricket equipment and a small putting green. During the summer months, there is an outdoor heated swimming pool and there is also a safe play area for children. A separate games room also houses snooker and table tennis tables and table soccer.



Where?

Pilgrim Hall is only 48 miles from London. The hall itself has a wonderful location within an area of natural beauty, with stunning views over the South Downs. It is situated close to many places of interest including Bentley Wildfowl Trust, Michelham Priory, Beachy Head Countryside Centre, Drusillas Zoo and Adventure Playground, historic Lewes and Alfriston. A number of National Trust properties are close by, for instance Batemans, the house of Rudyard Kipling.

When?

Bromley Parish Church travel away for a weekend together about every three years. We have had several very successful and enjoyable weekends at Pilgrim Hall and it remains a very popular choice of venue. This year our weekend is booked for 16th – 18th September.

Why?

On the last two occasions our themes have been “Looking Out” and “Expanding our Tent”. We plan to devote the forthcoming weekend to a more inward looking theme and have titled it “Springs in the Desert”. We are reaching the conclusion of our present Parish Development Plan and need to consider how we as a Church move forward. On our journey we would like to look at:

- Building our own Spirituality
- Looking inward to seek strength
- Our Prayer and worship life
- Healing and regeneration
- What does God want us to be doing?

We hope this weekend will be a healing and restorative place on our journey together.

How?

The weekend usually starts with a communal meal followed by worship on the Friday evening and culminates in a Eucharist on Sunday. Throughout the weekend there are optional sessions and workshops for adults and children, interspersed with time for worship, entertainment, and family. Saturday afternoon is kept free for activities of your choice. All are welcome and bedtime patrols ensure that even parents of the youngest children can have the opportunity to join in. Do come and join the fun. There are funds available to support members of the congregation who would like to attend but are financially unable to – please speak in confidence to the vicar or wardens. Please speak to one of the wardens if you are interested or just inquisitive.

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