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FNL Visits Programme Autumn 2017

FNL members are invited to join one or more of our Autumn 2017 visits.

There is no charge for these visits and FNL members are welcome to bring a guest. If you book on one of the tours but find you cannot join us, please let us know so that your place may be offered to another member.

To book, please email us at admin@fnlmail.org.uk or use the form below.
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FNL Visits Autumn 2017: Booking form

You can book a ticket by emailing: admin@fnlmail.org.uk or by completing the form below and posting it to:
FNL, PO Box 4291, Reading, RG8 9JA

Name _____

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Address _____

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I would like to book places as follows: _____ Number of places _____

Lambeth Palace Library: Tuesday October 10th, 11.00am-12.30pm _____

The Foundling Museum: Wednesday November 1st, 11.00am-12.30pm _____

Library of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple:
Wednesday December 6th, 2.30pm-4.00pm _____

If you are booking two tickets for a visit please provide the name of your guest(s) below.

If you have any queries contact us on admin@fnlmail.org.uk

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Lambeth Palace Library

Tuesday October 10th, 11.00am-12.30pm

Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7JU

Lambeth Palace Library, founded in 1610, is the historic library of the Archbishops of Canterbury and the principal archive for the documentary history of the Church of England. Its collections today comprise almost 5,000 volumes of manuscripts, including medieval illuminated masterpieces, and over 200,000 printed books, including much of the former library of Sion College. As well as the official papers of the Archbishops of Canterbury, the archive includes the records of bishops, churchmen and missionary societies. The tour will visit the 17th-century Great Hall and view an exhibition on the Reformation, including some books and manuscripts acquired with FNL's assistance.

Limited to 20 places

The Foundling Museum

Wednesday November 1st, 11.00am-12.30pm

40 Brunswick Square, London WC1N 1AZ

The Foundling Museum explores the history of the Foundling Hospital, the UK's first children's charity and first public art gallery. It was established in 1739 by the philanthropist Thomas Coram to care for babies at risk of abandonment. Instrumental in helping Coram realise his vision were the artist William Hogarth and the composer George Frideric Handel. Their creative generosity set the template for the ways in which the arts can support philanthropy. The Museum is also home to the Gerald Coke Handel Collection, an internationally important collection of material relating to Handel and his contemporaries. The tour will highlight items acquired with FNL's help and there will also be a chance to see the *Basic Instincts* exhibition.

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Library of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple

Wednesday December 6th, 2.30pm-4.00pm

Middle Temple Lane, London EC4Y 9BT

The Middle Temple Library was re-founded in 1641 with the Robert Ashley bequest. At his death he had over 3,700 books, including the largest holdings of John Donne's library. The library then grew through acquisitions and donations to evolve from a 'gentleman's library' into a modern law library. Most of the law acquisitions were made in the 19th century, with many key works being acquired from 1641 to 1800. The bulk of Ashley's collection is intact. It is strong in theology, travel, science and medicine; there is a large collection of tracts and a good collection of 18th/19th century topology books. The Library also houses the Molyneux Globes, the earliest globes made in England.

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