

TOURING EXHIBITION THE SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION (UK)

Brenda Benton sends information about this exhibition, which has been touring the country and is available for booking.

The Shroud of Turin Exhibition continues to gain momentum as we travel the country and are invited into a variety of venues. Our aim is to present the most up to date scientific and historic evidence on the Shroud so that people can make up their own minds as to its authenticity.

In 2013 we visited Chalice Well in Glastonbury where we had many visitors who would never have entered a church building. Because the venue was so small we provided a condensed version of the exhibition and it worked very well. At times the impact of the exhibition on these spiritually aware people was truly amazing. We had visitors from as far away as Canada, America, Italy and Spain.

Our visit to Tiverton in Devon was very different as it was in an Anglo Catholic Church. We were most encouraged by the number of pupils who visited from a nearby public school. It was wonderful to see so many enquiring young minds fascinated by the mystery of the Shroud. This exhibition was unique in the fact that a local artist ran an exhibition alongside ours, bringing people in who might never normally have entered a church.

From Tiverton we went to Plymouth Catholic Cathedral, where once more we presented a condensed version of the exhibition. We often find that we have less room in a cathedral than in a parish church, which seems illogical but is true.

Our next venue was the Methodist Church in Syston, Leicestershire. This exhibition was unique in the fact that it was organised by Churches Together, Anglicans, Catholics and Methodists working in concert. This was our first exhibition in a Methodist Church and it was extremely successful. The venue was ideal because it was in the centre of the town. The church had arranged for me to do a radio interview with the local BBC radio station and we had a great response from this.



July took us to a Catholic Church that is local to our home in Staffordshire. It is a replica of Our Lady of Lourdes in France and each year it holds an outdoor pilgrimage in July. On the day of the pilgrimage there were 800 visitors and most of them came to visit the exhibition. We ran for two weeks and we one gentleman came who had made a special journey from Reading. He had followed news on the Shroud for years and brought some interesting information about the Holy Shroud Information Centre that was set up in Nottingham in 1957.

The Grand Finale of our year was at Nottingham Cathedral. For the first time we showed David Rolfe's 'The Full Story' Shroud DVD alongside the exhibition, which had a powerful impact on people's experience. The film was shown three times each day and on several occasions we had to schedule in an extra showing because the room was full to capacity and people were so disappointed not to be able to see it. We had thousands of people in a constant stream throughout the week including coach trips from as far away as Grimsby and Skegness. All in all it was a truly amazing year.

If you are interested in visiting the exhibition or think your local Cathedral or Church would benefit from hosting this event please contact Mrs Pam Moon on 01213 521076 or visit the website at www.shroudofturinexhibition.com. Also available is an informative talk by Pam Moon with the visual aid of the Shroud Copy and life sized negative images of the Shroud.

