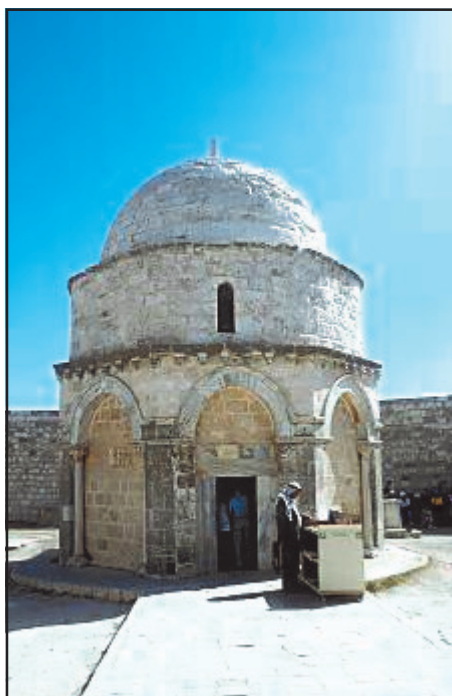




Al Aqsa Mosque & Western Wall - Jerusalem

Dome of the Ascension - Jerusalem



Origins of the Templar Pilgrimage Trust

The Trust was established to emulate the highest ideals of the medieval Order of Knights Templar, founded by Hugh de Payens and eight companions in Jerusalem in 1119. Their primary aim was to give aid and protection to pilgrims travelling to the holy places of Christendom, especially in the Holy Land.

The aim today is still to offer aid, not by force of arms as in those far-off days, but by practical Christian care. The Trust achieves this by providing grants to those who would otherwise be deprived of the benefit that a visit to a Christian shrine can bring, whether they go in search of healing – physical or mental – or of spiritual regeneration.

To experience at first hand the spiritual dimension of a shrine, such as Lourdes or Walsingham, can make faith come alive in a way that can never be achieved in a school classroom. In the same way a pilgrimage, in the steps of St. Paul or to the Holy Land, can bring the Bible to life in new ways.

The Trustees' approach is based on an ecumenical definition of Christianity, and recognises that each pilgrim has a different perspective guiding the search for a greater understanding of God, personal spirituality and the world in which we live.

Foundation

In 1982, on the Feast of St Bernard of Clairvaux, the Templar Pilgrimage Trust (OTJ) was launched by the Order of the Temple of Jerusalem*, in furtherance of its work for charity. The Trust received approval from the Charity Commission for England and Wales in 1983.

The Modern Order of Knights Templar

* In 2003 the Order of the Temple of Jerusalem joined with other English Templars to form the Grand Priory of Knights Templar in England and Wales. The Grand Priory itself is a member of the Ordo Supremus Militaris Templi Hierosolymitani - Knights Templar International.

Further detailed information about the English Grand Priory, its charities and the international Order is available on our website:

www.templars.org.uk



Charity No. 326561

“A charitable trust, founded on chivalric principles, supporting individuals and groups undertaking pilgrimages that benefit not only themselves, but also those amongst whom the pilgrims live and work.”

Templar Pilgrimage Trust

Aims

This charity supports groups and individuals wishing to undertake a pilgrimage to a recognized Christian shrine. We are especially keen to support young persons and the disabled. The destination may be in this country or abroad; we look for an educational outcome. Applications are welcomed from persons and groups from all ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

Activities of the Templar Pilgrimage Trust

The Trust currently has an income-generating capital base of around £25,000. Using the interest income and other donations, the Trust makes grants totalling approx £3,000 per year.

- The Hyman Grant of £500 goes to deserving individuals or groups to make their pilgrimage possible. The Trustees look for a clearly defined itinerary, an understanding of the concept of making a pilgrimage and the expectation of a wider benefit to the local community when the pilgrims return home.
- The Mallett Grant of £500 goes to church schools, to help children build their own faith in God, or to teachers for a personal pilgrimage that will help to bring a sense of faith in God to the children they teach.
- The Trustees make further grants, of varying size and number, to other applicants whose requests meet the objects of the Trust.

Past Grant Recipients

Recipients of grants are asked to provide the Trustees with a brief report of their experiences, and a selection of the reports is published in the Order's magazine.

Past recipients have included children and school teachers, many from deprived communities, as well as clergy, ordinands and students.

Funding

The initial funds were raised by the Grand Priory through an appeal to its members and friends. Many members continue to contribute regularly under Gift Aid. The capital of the Trust was augmented in 1985 by a legacy and in 2005 by a major grant from the Grand Priory. The Trust also receives annual support from a specialist tourism agency. Fund-raising events are carried out throughout the year.

Grant Applicants

If you would like further information on our grant making activity, please write to:

***The Hon Applications Secretary
Templar Pilgrimage Trust
34 St Augustine's Gate
Norwich NR3 3BE***

Donations

Please use the tear-off slip on the right to send your donation; if possible, we would welcome it under the Gift Aid scheme, as that gives the Trust a further amount for every £1 you give. Please send your donation and the completed form to:

***The Hon Treasurer
Templar Pilgrimage Trust
19 Mandeville Road
Shepperton
Middlesex TW17 0AL***

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