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**FRIENDS' VISITS PLANNED FOR 2017 and 2018**  
*Amendment dated 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017*

*Please contact the Visits Secretary if you are interested in any or all of these visits.*

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017**  
**Chelsea Physic Garden and Library**

There are still several places available on this visit.

The visit will start at 12:00 midday (rather than 11:00am as originally intended) with a talk by the librarian and then a tour of the garden starting at 1pm. They seem very fully booked and it is regretted that the group will be on the go from midday until 2.30pm and that will move the time of getting a bite to eat in the Garden Café into rather anti-social hours. The cost will be about £25 per Friend. (As usual, lunch and refreshments will be at Friends' own expense).

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017**  
**Rare Books London 2017: London's Celebration of Old and Rare Books**

“For the first time London's booksellers, libraries, book fairs, collectors and auction houses are coming together in celebration of the rare book and the capital's centuries of rich literary heritage. Featuring walking tours, guided visits, private views, book fairs, auctions, lectures and hands-on workshops, with partners as diverse as The Wellcome Collection, Bonhams and Lambeth Palace Library, this promises to be a fortnight of bookish delights.”

A calendar of events will be published in early 2017. Friends are invited to book individually.  
[www.rarebookslondon.com](http://www.rarebookslondon.com)

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> to Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017**  
**The London International Antiquarian Book Fair**

The Antiquarian Booksellers' Association is kindly offering an exclusive guided tour of the fair to the Friends of Lambeth Palace Library, on either the afternoon of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June or the morning of Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Led by a professional bookseller and with the opportunity to handle items wherever possible, Friends will be guided around the treasures of the Book Fair in small groups, and all questions will be answered.  
This visit is free.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017**  
**Lincoln Cathedral and Lincoln's Battles and Dynasties Exhibition**

Lincoln is mounting a major exhibition, *Battles and Dynasties*, commemorating the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Lincoln, fought on 20 May 1217. The battle has been described as being, after Hastings, the most important battle in the course of English history. The defeat of the army of Prince Louis, son of the King of France, tipped the balance of power in the country in favour of the Regent, William Marshal, and the young King Henry III. Lambeth Palace Library will be lending items to the exhibition.

The visit will start at the Collection Museum at 12:00 midday for a tour of the exhibition guided by one of the curators, Dr Nicholas Bennett. After lunch in the Cloister Refectory we will be given a tour of the Cathedral. This will be followed by a visit to the Cathedral's Mediaeval and Wren Libraries, where we will be guided by the Librarian. The day will finish at about 4:15pm.

Friends should note that travel to Lincoln from London Kings Cross by train takes about two hours and involves one change.

The cost of the visit will be about £25 per Friend, but return rail travel from London costs about £50. (As usual, lunch and refreshments will be at Friends' own expense).

### **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017** **St Paul's Cathedral, a Triforium Tour**

“The Triforium Tour consists of a guided visit into the stairwell of the famous geometric staircase, exploration of some of the surviving artefacts of the medieval cathedral housed in the Triforium corridors, a visit to the old library and a jaw-dropping view from the west end looking down the Nave towards the Quire and High Altar. The visit culminates in the Trophy Room, where Sir Christopher Wren's Great Model, based on an earlier design for the cathedral in the shape of a Greek cross, is on display.”

Please be aware that there are 141 steps to the Triforium level and no lift.

This visit will be restricted to 15 Friends only.

The cost of the visit will be about £30 per head.

### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018** (and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018 if there is sufficient demand) **The French Protestant Church of London, Soho Square**

This beautiful Church was designed by the architect Aston Webb (who also designed the V&A and Buckingham Palace façade) and inaugurated in 1893. French Protestants began to flee religious persecution in France in the mid-16<sup>th</sup> century after the Royal Charter of Edward VI founding the Strangers' Church in 1550. The first French Protestant Church was built in Threadneedle Street in the late 16<sup>th</sup> century and, after the large influx of Huguenot refugees in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century, 28 French Protestant churches were established in London, with 11 in Spitalfields alone. The Soho Square church is the only one remaining.

The honorary archivist of L'Église Protestante Française de Londres, Bénédicte Fougier, will lead a tour of the church and then show us some of the treasures from the library – including a very early printed Bible in Latin (an incunable), a first edition of the first Bible printed in French, and three manuscript volumes of Jean Calvin's sermons, only identified as such 20 years ago.

This visit will be restricted to 15 Friends only, but a second visit will be possible if there is sufficient demand.

The cost of the visit will be about £20 per head, to allow a donation towards the church's work in conserving their books and manuscripts.