

Visit to Vellore - Response Form
January 4th - 19th 2024

Full name _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____

Email _____

Age at time of travelling _____

Church _____

Have you travelled to India before? YES / NO

Any other useful information _____

I would like to join the Visit to Vellore and have paid a deposit of £200 (payment details below)

I would like to know more about the visit

Please return to Fiona Brampton 29 Church Road, Great Stukeley, Huntingdon, PE28 4AL or email to revfiona@norleigh.org.uk

BACS details for payments:

Account name: Cambridge Ecumenical Council
Sort code: 40-25-22
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Business account: YES
Reference: "V2V" and your Surname



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A chance to find out more about our partners

Help to shape the direction of our partnership

All welcome

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**‘How does climate change affect people?’
‘What’s being done about it?’
‘How easy is it to be a Christian ?’
‘What’s it like to live in a multi-faith country?’
‘What’s the role of lay people in the church?’
‘What does gender justice look like?’
How do we live God’s dream?**

If you’ve ever asked any of these questions for God’s world, this is the trip for you. It offers the opportunity to:

- * Get to know other Christians in another country and another culture
- * Listen and learn together about our countries.
- * Spend some time in prayer, and worship
- * Enjoy the sights and sounds of generations of history
- * Take the risk that your life might be changed

Come and join us on a 2 week visit to our link diocese of Vellore in South India. There will be a particular focus on looking at these questions together, to see ways the Diocese of Vellore is facing them and to find ways of mutual support.

There will also be time for rest and relaxation and to enjoy the richness of South Indian culture.

The Diocese of Vellore, Church of South India

The diocese of Vellore centres around the town of Vellore in the north of Tamil Nadu. Vellore is about 3 hours away from Chennai (Madras). It is the home of the world famous Vellore Christian Medical College and hospital, and also the Vellore Institute of Technology.

The diocese’s vision is to reach to all the poorest and to offer them the love of Christ through education, training, help with farming practices, support for the environment as well as through sustaining village churches. There is particular support for women and girls.

The Leaders:

- * **Rev Gale Richards** is Chair of Churches Together in Cambridgeshire and a Regional Minister for the Eastern Baptist Association.
- * **Rev Fiona Brampton** is parish priest in the Diocese of Ely and is coordinator for the Vellore Link.

The leaders and our hosts in Vellore will make every effort to ensure that the group is safe. However, we are not travel agents and participants do travel as ‘independent travellers’ who are travelling together.

The Cost

- * £2002 per participant, to cover all food, transport and accommodation and transport from a central point to the airport. (£200 deposit now; you will need to pay £1000 to cover airfares before 30th September 2023 and the balance by 30th November 2023).

In addition, you will need:

- * To ensure your passport is valid for at least 6 months after the date of travel.
- * To arrange to receive the recommended inoculations.
- * A visa to visit India (we will support you with this).
- * Appropriate travel insurance, ensuring that all pre-existing conditions are covered.
- * To be adaptable.
- * To be willing to commit to some preparation sessions, at times to suit the whole group (these are important).
- * To be open to all that God might offer to you and all God’s church through this encounter with other people.

Accommodation

- * Accommodation will be fairly basic most of the time, in institutions ‘guest house’ type accommodation.
- * There will always be a bed (but not a sprung mattress!), running water (though not necessarily hot!), a Western style toilet and a fan in rooms.
- * Bottled water will always be available for drinking and teeth cleaning.