

Report of the Grier's England Ministry

Salisbury, Bampton, East Leake, Bradford & London

The trip began in Salisbury at Emmanuel Church. A four lecture presentation on Apologetics was given at the Reformed Conference sponsored by the church. The conference was well attended and well received by those present. Pastor Malcolm Watts and his wife Jill provided us with lovely hospitality and friendship during those days. We made a number of trips and visited Stonehenge, the Salisbury Cathedral, and some lovely English countryside.



Emmanuel Church—Salisbury

Our ministry was sponsored by Emmanuel Church and Pilgrim Homes. After a night in London including dinner with friends we took the train to Oxford and were delivered to Bampton. Jim gave a lecture to the Senior Managers of Pilgrim Homes at a wonderful retreat facility. The retreat center was built of Cotswold stone that dated to 1798. We stayed in a remolded farm house that was built in 1798.



Cotswold Farmhouse—Bampton

Roger Hitchings, a trustee of Pilgrim Homes, took us to East Leake where we stayed with he and his wife Cathy. We were with them for three days and enjoyed their fellowship and gracious hospitality. Shirley and Cathy got on well which led to a shopping trip in a nearby city, which in turn led to fuller suitcases for the trip home. Whilst in East Leake Jim preached for six churches who came together for a combined service

Bradford was the next ministry for Pilgrim Homes. Jim spoke at the conference on dementia on the subject, *Spiritual & Ethical Implications of Dementia*. The day was well subscribed and we enjoyed hearing our good friend Erroll Hulse give the final lecture of the day. We both learned much about dementia from Jim's research and the presentations of the day. We were very glad they did not admit us to Pilgrim Homes for having borderline dementia.

The long journey from Bradford to London brought us a late arrival at the home of Hugh and Wendy Pollington. This lovely home and the Pollington's generous hospitality provided our stay in London until we left for home. Lord's Day we ministered at Uxbridge Road Tabernacle with Jeff Avery and his wife. We enjoyed a great day of fellowship in the Avery home and in ministering to the good folk of the church. Monday evening Jim preached at Ridley Hall and the response of the folk to the Word was outstanding. Pastor Peter Andrews graciously made these arrangements quite late and yet a good sized congregation came out on that Monday night to hear the gospel.

The final ministry venue was Westminster Chapel in London. Jim gave two lectures/sermons that day at the beginning and the end of the Pilgrim Homes' conference on aging. Westminster Chapel was the home of Dr. Martin Lloyd-Jones. You could sit in that vast auditorium and squint and almost see him in the pulpit. It was a great thrill to minister in the context of Dr. Lloyd-Jones' ministry. We are greatly privileged of the Lord to have this wonderful opportunity to minister in these five churches and the three venues for Pilgrim Homes. Phil Wainwright of Pilgrim Homes took excellent care of us and enabled the deepening of our friendship which goes back a good number of years.



The Olde Pilgrim Speaking at Westminster Chapel

We arrived home on the 16th of October fatigued, but rejoicing in the good hand of our God on this ministry he entrusted to us.