

Visit to Vellore
25th July –14th August 2019

Full name
Address

Telephone number

e mail

Age at time of travelling

Date of birth

Church

PREVIOUS TRAVEL

Have you travelled to India before

Have you travelled to a developing country before?

Any other useful information

I would like to join the Visit to Vellore. I enclose a deposit of
£100 (payable to Cambridgeshire Ecumenical
Council Vellore Account)

I would like to know more about the visit

Please return to Fiona Brampton The Vicarage
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Visit to Vellore



Led by Rev Paul Whittle

Special focus on
young people
aged 16-25

All welcome

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- Get to know other Christians in another country and another culture
- Share your skills with others
- Spend some time in prayer, worship and retreat
- Enjoy the sights and sounds of generations of history
- Take the risk that your life might be changed

Come and join us on a 3 week visit to our link diocese of Vellore in South India. There will be a particular focus on young people, but all ages are welcome.

We'll find ways to use your skills and gifts with our brothers and sisters in Vellore, as well as time in prayer and reflection in churches and with one another. 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 Cambridgeshire Ecumenical Council has been linked with the Diocese of Vellore in the Church of South India, since 1992.

You will need

- * to be adaptable
- * willing to commit to some preparation sessions, at times to suit the whole group (these are important)
- * open to all that God might offer to you through this encounter with other people

The Leaders:

- * **Rev Paul Whittle** is Moderator of the URC Eastern Synod and Chair of the Cambridgeshire Ecumenical Council. He previously led a visit to Vellore in 2015
- * **Rev Fiona Brampton** is parish priest in the Diocese of Ely and has been the co ordinator for the link since the 1990s. She has organised and led a number of visits to Vellore, and organised programmes for visitors from Vellore.

We will also have other DBS checked leaders specifically to work with the young people on the group.

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

- * £1600 per participant, to cover all food, transport and accommodation. Depending on cost of airfares, there will also be enough to cover the cost of group insurance and the e-visa for India
- * you will need to pay £100 deposit before 31 October 2018 and a further £650 by 7 January 2019 (for air fare)
- * in addition, you will need to ensure your passport is valid for at least 6 months after the date of travel; and that you have the recommended inoculations.

Accommodation

- * will be fairly basic most of the time.
- * It will be 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.
- * food will generally be what local people eat

If you would like to know more or would like to book a place, please complete the form overleaf.