

An invitation from Elizabeth Pask
to take part in a walking tour on August 15th 2017

Walking in Jane's Footsteps

This tour, walking local routes that would have been familiar to Jane Austen, is raising funds for St Mary's Church in Hamstead Marshall. Through readings from letters and extracts from her novels we'll recreate the atmosphere of the eighteenth and early nineteenth-century England that Jane knew. We'll also look for possible influences on her novels.

Those who have read accounts of Jane Austen's life will recognise the family names of Lloyd, Craven, and Fowle. We'll visit the home ground of these families, and consider how they came to be known to the Austens.

The tour will take about three hours, including visits to three churches within the Walbury Beacon Benefice: St Michael and All Angels at Enborne; St Mary's in Hamstead Marshall; and St Mary's in Kintbury. At each of these we'll reflect on aspects of historical and architectural interest, and think about the appearance of the church as Jane would have seen it.

The tour starts at 1.15 pm from outside St Michael and All Angels at Enborne. There will be short drives between churches, for which you'll be given directions.

The walking pace will be leisurely, and we'll aim to keep to time in order to arrive for tea at the Tutti Pole in Hungerford at 4.30. Tea will be at your own expense, and will require pre-booking, so when booking your place on the tour, please let me know if you wish to have tea.

A donation of not less than £20 per person is invited, and will be collected at the start of the tour.

Six places are available. If you'd like to join us please let me know by email to dr.elizabeth.pask@gmail.com

I'll confirm by email if a place is available for you. If you don't hear from me, please take it that a place is not available. If demand is sufficiently high I may organise a second tour in the same week.