



Jesus Old Members' Group

A Visit to Tyntesfield (National Trust)

Friday 15 May 2015



I have been able to obtain a group booking for 30 people to visit Tyntesfield on the afternoon of 15 May. If more than 30 people wish to participate I may be able to get the number increased but this cannot be guaranteed; the earlier I know how many wish to attend the more likely it is that all will be able to do so.

Tyntesfield's story is the rise, decline and rediscovery of an outstanding Victorian country estate. It was created by Richard Gibbs, the richest commoner in England in the mid-1800s. The Gibbs family business, built on overseas trade, expanded dramatically when it started importing guano. William Gibbs spent his resulting fortune on funding churches (including Keble College Chapel) and charitable work and on improving his family home. Tyntesfield was acquired by the National Trust in 2002 following the death of bachelor Richard Gibbs (2nd Lord Wraxall).

It is proposed that we meet beforehand for lunch at the Failand Inn which is on the B3128 about a mile east of the entrance to Tyntesfield.

There will also be an opportunity for those who can arrive earlier to visit nearby Barrow Gurney Church. It was rebuilt for William Gibbs' son in the 1880s and contains the Gibbs Chapel. (Those visiting might like to make a donation to church funds.)

In summary the timetable for the day is:

11:00 Visit to Barrow Gurney Church

12:00 Lunch at Failand Inn (at own expense)

1.30 Assemble at the Tyntesfield Visitor Centre

(National Trust members **MUST** show their membership cards to gain free admission)

From **2.00** House Entry by Ticket (Note: the house is 10 minutes walk from the Visitor Centre)

4.30 Tea / coffee at my home in Flax Bourton (3 miles by road from Tyntesfield)



A booking form is enclosed. Places can be requested by email, giving the details on the booking form, but if applicable any payment must be received before places can be confirmed.

Information on how to find each of Barrow Gurney Church, the Failand Inn, Tyntesfield and The Grange will be sent by email at the end of April to those reserving places.