

**West Midlands Group Coach trip to the Banbury area**

**We will visit 3 churches, have a short town walk in Banbury led by Dr David Low and visit a residential private school designed by G. E. Street**

**Saturday 19th July 2025 Cost £55 including coach fare, lunch, refreshments and donations**

9.00 a.m. Coach departs from Church Street, Birmingham City Centre. There will be no other pickups. 6.00 p.m. (approximate) arrival back in Birmingham

Our first stop will be around 10.00 a.m. at All Saints, Middleton Cheney to visit one of the finest collections of William Morris and Burne-Jones windows in the country. Pevsner described this church ‘as a place of great enjoyment, the Holy of Holies of Morris glass’ (and two Morris painted ceilings). We will be introduced to the architecture, before we have a chance to spend time studying this for ourselves.

We then travel to see a quite different style in the only Grade I listed building in Banbury town centre, St Mary’s Church. Remodelled by Blomfield 1860s-70s, where morning refreshments will be provided. David Low will then lead us on a short walk around significant Victorian and Edwardian buildings in the town centre.

After lunch at The Church House opposite St Mary’s, we will travel the short distance to Bloxham School where Simon Batten, School Archivist, will guide us around this G. E. Street school and chapel. The school will provide us with afternoon refreshments.

Then on to nearby Milton to view Butterfield’s work at St John the Evangelist, consecrated in1875, leaving around 5.00 p.m. for the return journey to Birmingham.

Please return booking forms with a cheque by **Friday 4th July** to Helene Pursey, 54 Prospect Road, Moseley, Birmingham B13 9TD helene@victorian-society-bham.org.uk or pay by bank transfer **Sort Code:30-92-99 Account No:00167544 marked with your surname and Banbury.** You can also book via the Group’s Eventbrite.

*Our refunds policy is on the website. Non-members of the Society are welcome to join us on this visit. You are reminded that you participate at your own risk and neither the Society nor its officers accept any liability of any kind whatsoever however arising. The Society reserves the right to cancel or alter events if necessary.*

*Please note: We do not issue tickets so assume you have a place if you have returned a booking form. If you would like confirmation please send an S.A.E or ask for an email acknowledgement.*

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**The Victorian Society, Birmingham Group Banbury Coach Trip on Saturday 19th July 2025**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ places

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Email (Helene will contact you with lunch menu choices) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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I enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ payable to the Victorian Society, Birmingham Group

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