

**Andrew Fuller Centre for Baptist Studies**  
**Doctoral Research Trip**  
**Summer 2026**

**Itinerary**

**Day 1 June 14      Arrival**

Group members will meet at Manchester Piccadilly railway station. After settling into their accommodation, they can enjoy a free afternoon, exploring sites such as Manchester Cathedral, Manchester Art Gallery, and Manchester Central Library. The group will have a welcome dinner together.

**Day 2 June 15      Manchester**

Research day at John Rylands Library. The group will also visit the Cheetham's Library, the oldest free public reference library in the English-speaking world. We will also visit the Particular Baptist Church founded by William Gadsby and the Peterloo Massacre monument.

**Day 3 June 16      Liverpool**

Day trip to Liverpool, where Samuel Medley ministered for decades in the eighteenth century. Besides visiting sites such as the cathedrals, museum, and galleries, the group will also explore Liverpool's past ties with the transatlantic slave trades.

**Day 4 June 17      West Yorkshire**

Day trip to towns and villages in the Calderdale district of West Yorkshire, including Halifax, Hebden Bridge, and Haworth. The group will visit Wainsgate Chapel, where John Fawcett, the hymn-writer, ministered, and St Michael's and All Angels Church in Haworth, where William Grimshaw ministered and the Brontë sisters lived.

**Day 5 June 18      Preston**

Research trip to Lancashire Archives at Preston. Half day off.

**Day 6 June 19      Lancashire & Westmorland**

Day trip to visit historic Baptist churches in Rochdale, Bacup, Cloughfold, Accrington, Blackburn, Crawshawbooth, Greenod, and Hawkshead Hill. Churches like Tottlebank Baptist Church and Hawkshead Hill Baptist Church were opened since the mid-seventeenth century.

**Day 7 June 20      Chester**

Day trip to Chester, a Roman settlement, where Matthew Henry lived and ministered. Besides the cathedral and the city wall, the group will also visit Gladstone's Library in Hawarden, Flintshire.

**Day 8 June 21      Sunday**

Free day. Tour members could visit nearby attractions.

**Day 9 June 22 Manchester**

Group members are encouraged to present at the American Society of Church History British Nonconformity in the Long Eighteenth Century Working Group Day Conference.

**Day 10 June 23 Bradford**

Research trip to Bradford Archives. The group will have a farewell dinner together.

**Day 11 June 24 Departure**

Time to go home.