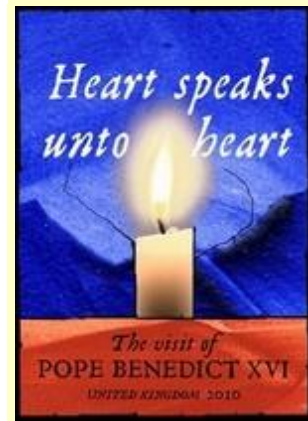


Official Papal Visit booklet and Logo

Archbishop Vincent Nichols, President of the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales, launched on Tuesday, 15th June 2010, "**The Visit of Pope Benedict**" booklet which is distributed to all parishes across England, Wales and Scotland. It intends to give as much background information as possible about the Pope's four-day visit from 16th to 19th September and its significance to the Catholic Community.



The booklet is made up of **ten questions**, ranging from why the Pope is meeting the Queen to the contribution of the Catholic Church to British society and why the Pope will be beatifying Cardinal John Henry Newman (1801-1890) – one of the most distinguished English Catholics of the 19th century – at a special ceremony at Coventry Airport.

Archbishop Nichols said: "We wanted to try to answer the questions of those curious about the visit in an accessible and intelligent way. It is an attempt to get beyond the immediacy of headlines and make available the immensely rich tradition of the Church in dealing with the dilemmas of human life that Pope Benedict so eloquently expresses.

"We are looking to spell out the richness of Catholic tradition and also the enormous contribution of the Catholic Church to this country and around the world. It is important to explain who the Pope is so people can better appreciate this historic visit."

In the preface, Archbishop Nichols and Cardinal O'Brien, President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland, state: "Today there are many gaps in public knowledge in these matters. This booklet seeks to address those gaps, not in profound or systematic manner but just by way of some clear facts and indications.

"They will be helpful in preparation for this Papal Visit: helpful to those who are curious, helpful to those who need to understand a little more, helpful to those who are looking forward intently to these historic days."

The cover of the booklet features the official logo of the Papal Visit. It was designed by leading architectural artist Brian Clarke and incorporates the Papal Visit motto "Heart speaks unto heart", taken from Cardinal Newman's writings.

A detailed itinerary of the visit is expected to be disclosed next month.

A free booklet for every household is available in the porch. Please take a copy after Mass and try to read it as a preparation for the Pope's visit.