

The Foundation Circle

This is an opportunity for an individual, organization or church to become one of seven major donors.

The preachers' rooms that are used to house the Museum at the New Room form a circle around the beautiful Lantern Window created by Wesley and through which his Chapel can be viewed.

Each Foundation Circle Patron will be given one of the titles below and have a special plaque with their name placed in one of the areas of the new Museum, as well as being specially listed on the Donor Wall.

A specially worded plaque will also be issued to each donor for their own personal use to commemorate their generosity to the New Room.

Help us preserve our heritage and enhance what we can offer to future generations who visit the New Room.

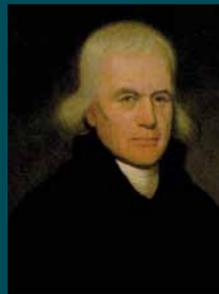


The opportunities:



1. JOHN WESLEY FOUNDATION CIRCLE PATRON
Methodism would not have developed in the way that it has without John's influence as a preacher, educator, and organizer.

The John Wesley Foundation Patron is expected to donate £500,000 (\$800,000) to the Horsefair Project and the name of the Patron will be placed on a plaque within the two rooms that John Wesley personally used at the New Room. He spent over 1,500 nights within them, far more than anywhere else during his itinerant ministry.



3. FRANCIS ASBURY FOUNDATION CIRCLE PATRON
Asbury is widely regarded as the Father of American Methodism. The Francis Asbury Foundation Patron is

expected to donate £100,000 (\$161,000) to the Horsefair Project and the name of the Patron will be placed on a plaque within the room that is designated to display information about Methodism in America and in which Asbury probably stayed at the New Room.



5. THOMAS COKE FOUNDATION CIRCLE PATRON
Coke earned himself the title of 'Father of Methodist Missions'. The Thomas Coke Foundation Patron is expected to donate

£50,000 (\$80,000) to the Horsefair Project and the name of the Patron will be placed on a plaque within the room where he probably stayed and which is designated to display information about Methodism's early Transatlantic connections and the growth of Methodism into a worldwide movement.



7. WILLIAM WILBERFORCE FOUNDATION CIRCLE PATRON
Wilberforce was encouraged to lead the anti-slave trade movement by John Wesley. The William

Wilberforce Foundation Patron is expected to donate £25,000 (\$40,000) to the Horsefair Project and the name of the Patron will be placed on a plaque within the room that is designated to display the important role played by Methodism in having the slave trade abolished.



2. CHARLES WESLEY FOUNDATION CIRCLE PATRON
Charles is widely regarded today as the world's most important hymn writer. The Charles Wesley Foundation

Patron is expected to donate £250,000 (\$400,000) to the Horsefair Project and the name of the Patron will be placed on a plaque within Charles' two rooms, which will contain a display on his life and hymnody.



4. GEORGE WHITEFIELD FOUNDATION CIRCLE PATRON
Whitefield was the greatest preacher of the eighteenth century. The George Whitefield Foundation Patron is

expected to donate £50,000 (\$80,000) to the Horsefair Project and the name of the Patron will be placed on a plaque within the room that will display the important role played by Methodists (including Whitefield) in promoting education.



6. CAPTAIN WEBB FOUNDATION CIRCLE PATRON
Thomas Webb has been called the first apostle of American Methodism. The Captain Webb Foundation Patron is expected to

donate £25,000 (\$40,000) to the Horsefair Project and the name of the Patron will be placed on a plaque within the room that is designated to display information about Bristol and its role in shaping early Methodism and its links with America.

'This historic building has a unique distinction; it is the only one in the world that is associated with the beginning of the apostolic labours of John Wesley and Francis Asbury.'

The Historical Tablets of the New Room



What our visitors say:

'A trip back into the past that truly reveals the passion and zeal of the Wesleys'

'Something just drew me here; it's beautiful'

'Haven of tranquillity'

'A pilgrimage fulfilled'

'If you needed a place to redefine your faith in God, this is it.'

'I thought my heart would stop!'

'This represents the 'heart' of Methodism'

'You can really feel the history around you'

'It is very touching to see how one person can be used to affect the lives of many'

'I can feel Wesley's presence here!'

'An inspiring place to visit; much good has come from these humble beginnings'



'John Wesley was a sort of spiritual statesman.... Unquestionably this man altered and in his day governed the spiritual history of England and the English-speaking race on both sides of the sea.... The eighteenth century cried out for deliverance and light, and God had prepared this man to show again the might and the blessing of his salvation....'

Woodrow Wilson, 28th President of the United States

