

## **‘Born to Preach – The Story of Charles Haddon Spurgeon’**

(working title)

Christian Television Association (CTA) is at the planning stage of a new drama/documentary about Charles Spurgeon, the famous Victorian Baptist preacher.

Whilst all the documentary elements will be filmed in East Anglia and London, we are aiming to film all the drama segments around the Bristol area.

To this end we need to find a number of period locations which are Victorian or Georgian, and we hope very much you may be able to help us find these:

1. **Small Victorian Methodist style chapel**, with dark coloured pews. Preferably also a balcony that goes all the way round. It needs to look plain and simple, with an elevated pulpit.
2. **A large church preferably Baptist or Methodist or URC** – i.e. no stained glass. This will be a substitute for the huge Metropolitan Tabernacle that was built for Spurgeon at Elephant and Castle. It needs pews, and a high pulpit and balcony all the way round. Also a hall attached where costumes and make-up can be housed for the 80 or so extras, as well as catering.
3. **Interior Victorian looking Country cottage**. This is for a scene where 16 years old Spurgeon preaches his first sermon to a small gathering of about 12 people. Low ceiling with rafters, period windows, and Victorian chintz would be ideal.
4. **Victorian bedroom** (city not country) We need a bed and bedside table and chair, near a period window. (This is for a scene where Spurgeon is seriously ill).
5. **As above, but with a Victorian Mediterranean feel** – large windows, clear view (i.e. no brick walls next door) (This is for his death scene).
6. **Large Victorian library/study** (to double for Spurgeon’s study and library) Bookcases with old books. Period furniture – writing bureaux
7. This is a ‘prop’ we need for a scene where Spurgeon as a child is reading **Pilgrim’s Progress**. We need a period copy, with illustrations. Also plenty of Victorian or earlier looking books.

If you know of any such locations/props, we’d love to hear from you. Please either email us at [crawford@cta.uk.com](mailto:crawford@cta.uk.com) or call 01275 879745 with details.

Thank you very much for your time,

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