

RSCM 2019 CONCERT—TO CELEBRATE YEAR OF PILGRIMAGE

November 16th 2019 : St Hilda's, Hartlepool

PILGRIMAGE DAY Saturday February 29th 2020

Away from the Pilgrimage Walks we have sought to avoid lots of central events to encourage local idea and initiatives. One day has been planned though to help us all. Stephen Cotterell, Bishop of Chelmsford has walked the Camino and written of this. He has kindly agreed to lead us on a day about Pilgrimage on February 29th. Details will be published shortly but plan to use it well.

PASSION PLAY – GOOD FRIDAY, BISHOP AUCKLAND

This is part of the national One Good Friday in partnership with the Wintershall team who produce the Trafalgar Square Passion Play each year. There will be 2 performances; the first at 12noon the second at 3.15pm. It will take place in the Market Square area of Bishop Auckland. Bring friends to watch. Perhaps plan to run a Start, Alpha or Emmaus Course between Easter and Pentecost.



BE CREATIVE

All the best stuff will be created locally. Parish pilgrimages, Deanery ideas. Pilgrimages created for those whose physical abilities are limited. All age pilgrimages. Youth and children's ways of exploring The Way. We encourage creative thinking, creative activity. Share ideas with neighbours and the whole Diocese.

Together let us journey with God. Like the two disciples on the way to Emmaus may we discover Jesus travelling with us and be surprised and overjoyed by what is revealed to us as we journey.

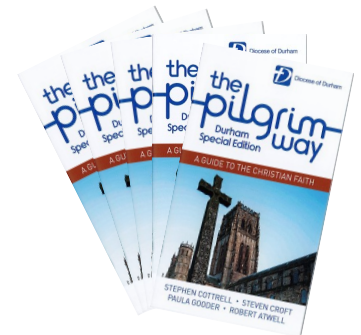
YEAR OF PILGRIMAGE 2020

One of the earliest names for Christians was people of The Way. The idea of a year of Pilgrimage 2020 is that following Waymark '19 we simply focus in 2020 on being God's pilgrim people. A year of simple prayer and reflection on what it means to walk with Jesus, invite others to walk with us, and discover personally and together more of what it means to be this pilgrim people. A year for people of all ages. During this time we will also work on producing a new Plan on a Page for 2021-5 that is rooted in all we have discerned together through Waymark. The pilgrimage year has been significantly aided by the development of 4 new Pilgrimage routes into our Cathedral.



THE PILGRIM WAY

At its heart the year has always been about encouraging individuals and parishes to use the pilgrimage theme at a local level. 'How are we as the people of '....' walking with Jesus today?' So the encouragement is to explore this locally. The Special Durham Edition of The Pilgrim Way has been produced to help us all do this. We are encouraged to use this personally, as a way of introducing the Christian Way to others, and of exploring our pilgrimage together. From this base there is plenty of material to use; our own Blessing Course and the wide ranging Pilgrim materials.



DURHAM CATHEDRAL

As a way of expressing and exploring this discovery of the Way of Jesus, going on actual pilgrimages has long been found to be deeply helpful. So the Cathedral is developing a range of ways to welcome and help pilgrims through 2020. They look forward to welcoming specific parishes or deanery pilgrimages. If you want to arrange one of these then simply contact Eva West (eva.west@durhamcathedral.co.uk). They will explain about booking a date, and what they will help you to do at the Cathedral itself.



PILGRIMAGE ROUTES

The 4 new routes have been designed by David Pott. Their development, marking and promotion is being led by a variety of local organisations co-ordinated by Durham County Council. It is hoped that people who just enjoy walking, people who want to take time to reflect on life, and people on specific pilgrimage will all find these routes valuable.

Bishops Paul and Sarah will be 'launching' them as Pilgrimage routes by walking them during 2020.



The Way of Life – Gainford to Durham

Monday April 6th – Thursday April 9th (Holy Week - concluding with a brief walk from St Oswald's, Durham to the Cathedral for the Chrism Eucharist)

The Way of Love – Hartlepool to Durham

Thursday May 21st (Ascension Day) – Saturday 23rd May



The Way of Learning – Jarrow to Durham

Sunday May 24th – Wednesday May 27th

The Way of Light – Heavenfield / Hexham to Durham

Thursday May 28th – Sunday May 31st (Pentecost)

Bishops Christine and Mark will also be joining with this pilgrimage as half of it lies in Newcastle Diocese. This will conclude with a Thy Kingdom Come event in the Cathedral.



Alongside the walking each day there will be evening events reflecting on the day and specific themes. Special guests will be joining in these. Lord Michael Bates is joining us for The Way of Life and the writer and broadcaster Sheridan Voysey for the Way of Learning.



THY KINGDOM COME (May 21st-31st)

This international ecumenical 10 days of prayer is going to have a strong Pilgrimage theme to it in 2020. So it can be used well at a local level to help us all with our discovery of being pilgrims and inviting others to join us on the way.