**Journeying Together**

 **Summer Walk - Saturday 2nd August 2025**

**Warkworth to Alnmouth** 6 miles, approx. 2 hours 45 mins

**9.20am** Gather at St Lawrence, Warkworth for registration, refreshments, a chance to look round the church and churchyard, and for the route/safety instructions.

**9.50am** Prayer **10.00am** Depart

**Route:**  Walk across bridge, up Station Road, Buston Barns, High Buston, Wooden Farm, cycle route, Aln estuary, Alnmouth.

Anyone desiring a shorter walk can join the walk out from Warkworth and retrace their steps back along Station Road (after say 20/30 minutes), or meet us in Hipsburn where the cycle route meets the road (near the Cricket Club car park) at c 12 noon.

We originally hoped to have our picnic lunch at Alnmouth Friary, but it turns out that we coincide with Hospice Care Homemade Teas and Live Music at the Friary (1pm - 4.30pm). Therefore we will arrive at St John’s, Alnmouth, and hope to picnic together in the churchyard

(inside church if wet) and have some closing prayers there. Bring your own picnic, bearing in mind the Hospice Care team will be serving teas later at the Friary (£6 entrance), if you choose to go there!

**The formal programme ends there**. During the afternoon you may choose to:

* visit the Friary and Hospice Care event (£6)
* have a circular walk or meander in Alnmouth
* return home by bus/ car
* walk back to Warkworth (coastal route, c 2 hours)

For those wishing to walk back to Warkworth, Gilly plans to depart Alnmouth c 3.00/3.30pm, taking the coastal route (c 5 miles), and anyone is welcome to join her. Exact timing and decision to participate can be agreed/ made on the day.

**Important information for all walkers**

* All walk at your own risk. You are responsible for your own fitness and safety.
* All walkers to register with Eileen Kelly before departure.
* Wear/bring appropriate clothing/footwear, suncream/sunhat, water bottle
* Bring your own picnic lunch and flask/snack for mid-morning stop
* All children to be accompanied by a responsible adult
* There are a couple of stiles on our route, and some of the paths are over rough, uneven or muddy ground.
* There will be an opportunity to re-fill water bottles at Alnmouth.
* Anyone leaving the group en route should let one of the leaders know before doing so.
* Transport: If you are not planning to walk back please make your own arrangements for transport home. The X18 bus departs Alnmouth for Warkworth roughly hourly as does the X20 from Hipsburn roundabout. If you need assistance with this please contact Gilly Maude.
* Any dogs brought are to be kept on a lead and kept under control at all times. Please note that if you choose to go to the Friary during the afternoon there are likely to be a lot of people.

**Information for all**

Non walkers are very welcome to join us in any of the following ways:

* join in the fellowship at St Lawrence and or St John’s Alnmouth
* meet to send the walkers off from St Lawrence ( from 9.20am, departure at 10.00am) and/or bring a picnic at lunchtime

(c 12.30/12.45pm) to St John’s Alnmouth

* visit the Hospice Care Homemade Tea and Live Music at Alnmouth Friary (open 1pm-4.30pm) (£6 entry)

It will help our planning if you let us know if you are intending to walk, but it is ok to just turn up on the day.

Any queries: Please contact Gilly Maude 07527 169016 or speak to Eileen Kelly or Ann McDougal