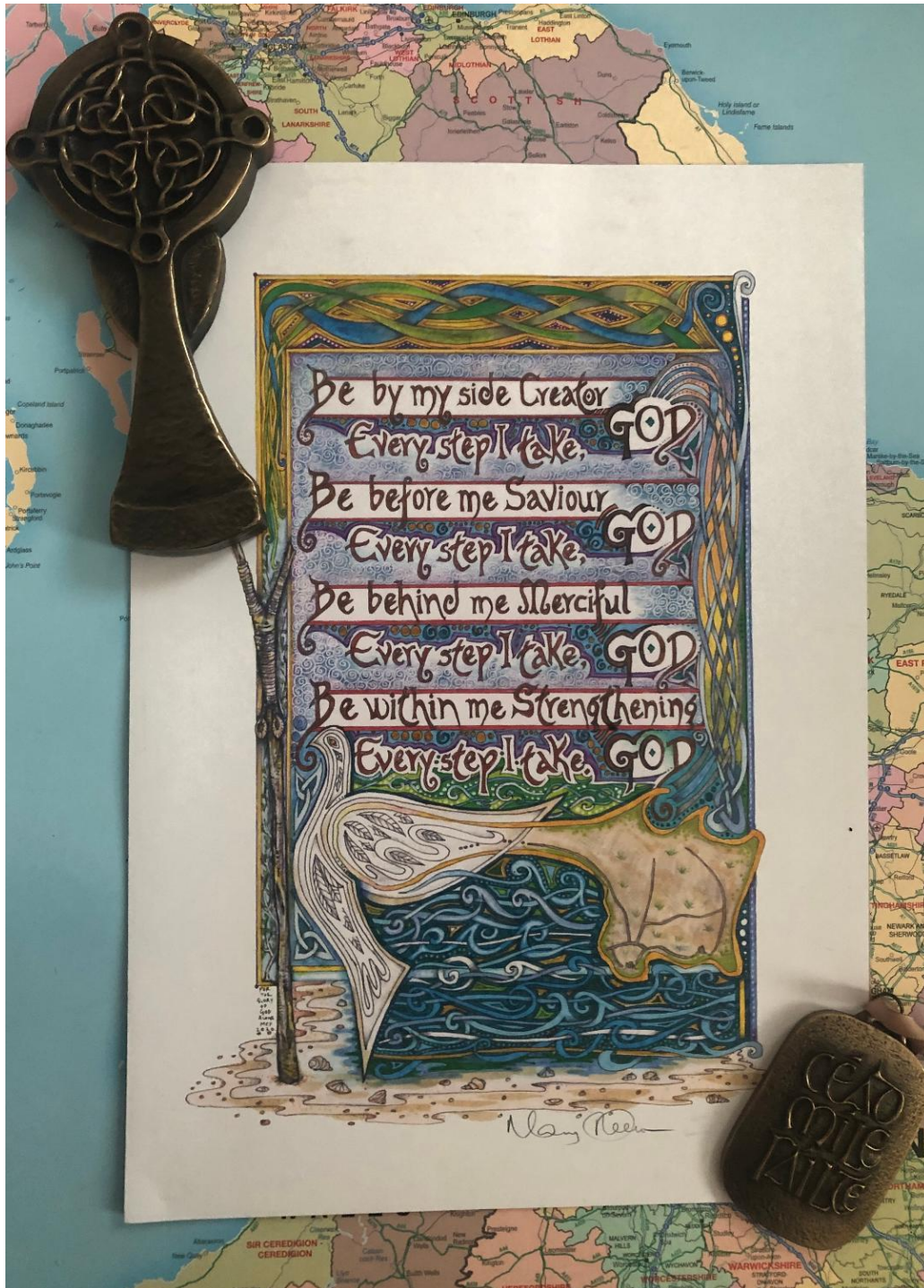


# walk with the northern saints - a pilgrimage to Lindisfarne



trinity sunday to st aidan's day  
31<sup>st</sup> may-31<sup>st</sup> august 2026  
week 1

# Introduction



On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May the church celebrated the Venerable Bede, who wrote the most complete History of Christian England up to the year 729. He was born in Northumbria in 670 and is closely associated with monasteries at Wearmouth and Jarrow. In 2020, during Lockdown I set off on a walk on St Bede's day and as I walked up the hill to Hatshead Pike on my wellbeing walk of the day an idea emerged in my head almost fully formed!

The idea of a sponsored walk combined with a Virtual Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne, a place I love and have a deep spiritual connection with, seemed to be an answer to prayer for some of those worries I had about how to be a church during lockdown. I walked a total of 309.3 miles from 31<sup>st</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> August on a virtual pilgrimage, calling at Pilgrim Places on the way and learning about the Holy Lives, associated with those places along the way. It was a wonderful way for us as a church to pray together when we were forced to be apart, we prayed together, learnt a lot and managed to raise over £4000 as did it.

Fast forward 6 years and the Church of England's summer campaign is Pilgrim Places, Holy Lives. We had discussed at our Church council meetings about registering as a "Pilgrim Place" and had talked about how we might get involved as a church with the campaign. On St Bede's day this year, the anniversary of the idea of the pilgrimage being given me I subconsciously began to reflect on the pilgrimage. By the Saturday I wondered if I set off from St Matthew's Chadderton and St Anne's Royton which churches, monasteries and holy sites I might visit and worked out a route and the number of miles – 325 miles! I thought about it and prayed about it and came to the conclusion that I wouldn't embark on a pilgrimage like that again.

The next morning, on Trinity Sunday, as the Old Testament reading from Isaiah was being read in the Eucharist at St Matthew's I heard these words, "those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." They shall walk and not faint – it felt like God was saying to me, "come on now, get out there and walk!" As part of the notices I announced I had just decided to embark on a virtual pilgrimage to Lindisfarne and I would begin walking later that day and collect sponsorship for the physical challenge element of the pilgrimage. Both churches will collect sponsorship, raising money for themselves and will each make a donation to Dr Kershaw's. In the coming days there will be ways to give digitally, or you can sign up on a sponsorship form in church and give the traditional way!

## Virtual Pilgrimage

I have planned a walking route to Lindisfarne calling at various holy sites along the way – this route is 325 miles long. I will plot on the map each mile I physically walk around this area and spiritually I, and hope we all as a church, will in prayer, enter on a Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne, a real journey of the heart, learning stories of each Pilgrim Place we visit and the Holy Lives associated with that place.

The pilgrimage prayer can be used every day by all of us and for all of us as we seek to walk closely with God in our pilgrimage through life. The prayer is written by Mary Fleeson an artist who lives on Lindisfarne. Her illuminated prayer is on the cover of this booklet and you can view more of her work at [www.lindisfarne-scriptorium.co.uk](http://www.lindisfarne-scriptorium.co.uk).

I am hoping that we can have a visual representation in church of where I have reached on the pilgrimage and that there will be regular updates sent out via e-mail and you can follow the pilgrimage on Facebook - please like and share! There will also be opportunities over the coming weeks to join with Revd Liz on some or her walk for those who wish to.

Join us on this journey of the heart to Lindisfarne, support us financially if you are able and please pray for our church as we make this pilgrimage and for me as I take on this physical challenge and walk this spiritual road. Prayers and blessings Revd Liz

# pilgrimage

As Christians we are all on a pilgrimage through life, with a starting point of faith and baptism, and the kingdom of heaven as our final destination. At Baptism we often pray for the candidate as he or she joins the 'pilgrim people of God.' The introduction of the Baptism service states, "Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love."

Every pilgrimage we embark on is in response to God's love for us and so is always a journey of the heart.

Mary Fleeson, in the background to the artwork *Be By My Side*, which features our Pilgrimage Prayer, writes,

*"Pilgrimage encompasses two distinct and yet complementary concepts, the physical journey to a spiritually significant place and the journey of the heart and mind as they move nearer to God. In the first case we make a choice to travel somewhere because we believe that the journey will be beneficial to our spiritual and emotional growth and that being at the destination will bring us closer to God's blessing and a deeper understanding of our Creator. The journey of the heart and mind is a different process, we are all set on this pilgrimage, not by choice but because we live."*

It has been said that a genuine Pilgrimage is a microcosm of Christian life. It begins with an act of faith and commitment. It progresses through many challenges and tribulations, trials and joys as the faith journey continues. Eventually it arrives at its destination, the place of blessing, the gate of heaven itself.

My prayer is that this pilgrimage to Lindisfarne, a place of great blessing to Christians throughout the ages and today, will bring us many blessings along the way.

As we begin this journey of the heart may we walk on the paths of the saints before us and may they be companions on our pilgrimage.

Every blessing and buon camino!

Revd Liz



## *northern saints pilgrimage*

<b>Depart</b>	<b>Arrive</b>	<b>Miles</b>	<b>Total</b>
St Matthew's Chadderton	St Anne's Royton	1.5	<b>1.5</b>
St Anne's Royton	St Mark's Heyside	1.5	<b>3</b>
St Mark's Heyside	St Thomas' Moorside	1.5	<b>4.5</b>
St Thomas' Moorside	Christchurch Denshaw	2.6	<b>7.1</b>
Christchurch Denshaw	St Bartholomew Marsden	7.2	<b>14.3</b>
St Bartholomew Marsden	Huddersfield Parish Church	7.4	<b>21.7</b>
Huddersfield Parish Church	CR Mirfield	4.5	<b>26.2</b>
CR Mirfield	Wakefield Cathedral	10.1	<b>36.3</b>
Wakefield Cathedral	All Saints Pontefract	9.5	<b>45.8</b>
All Saints Pontefract	Selby Abbey	13.3	<b>59.1</b>
Selby Abbey	Bishopsthorpe	11	<b>70.1</b>
Bishopsthorpe	York Minster	3.4	<b>73.5</b>
York Minster	Stanbrook Abbey	22.3	<b>95.8</b>
Stanbrook Abbey	Ampleforth Abbey	4.6	<b>100.4</b>
Ampleforth Abbey	St Mary's Lastingham	15.5	<b>115.9</b>
St Mary's Lastingham	All Saints Helmsley	10.8	<b>126.7</b>
All Saints Helmsley	St Hilda's Priory	27.8	<b>154.5</b>
St Hilda's Priory	Whitby Abbey & St Mary's Whitby	1.7	<b>156.2</b>
<b>ST HILD'S WAY</b>			
Whitby Abbey & St Mary's Whitby	St Hilda's Whitby	0.7	<b>156.9</b>
St Hilda's Whitby	Sandsend	2.4	<b>159.3</b>
Sandsend	Runswick Bay	4.6	<b>163.9</b>
Runswick Bay	Staithes	4	<b>167.9</b>
Staithes	Skinningrove	5	<b>172.9</b>
Skinningrove	Huntcliffe Roman Station	3.3	<b>176.2</b>
Huntcliffe Roman Station	Saltburn	0.2	<b>176.4</b>
Saltburn	Transporter Bridge	13	<b>189.4</b>
Transporter Bridge	Greatham Creek	4.2	<b>193.6</b>
Greatham Creek	Seaton Carew	6.7	<b>200.3</b>
Seaton Carew	St Hilda's Hartlepool	4.7	<b>205</b>
St Hilda's Hartlepool	St Aidan's Hartlepool	3.5	<b>208.5</b>
St Aidan's Hartlepool	Durham Cathedral	18	<b>226.5</b>
Durham Cathedral	St Peter's Monkwearmouth	14	<b>240.5</b>
St Peter's Monkwearmouth	St Paul's Jarrow	7.5	<b>248</b>
Paul's Jarrow	Newcastle Cathedral	6.8	<b>254.8</b>
Newcastle Cathedral	St Cuthbert's Bedlington	13	<b>267.8</b>
St Cuthbert's Bedlington	Alnmouth Friary	23	<b>290.8</b>
Alnmouth Friary	Holy Trinity Embleton	9	<b>299.8</b>
Holy Trinity Embleton	St Aidan's Bamburgh	9.2	<b>309</b>
St Aidan's Bamburgh	Lindisfarne	16	<b>325</b>

# Day one 3 miles

We have been taking about pilgrimage at our church meetings and Revd Liz announced today that we are about to embark on a pilgrimage with the Northern Saints to Lindisfarne- the cradle of Christianity in England.

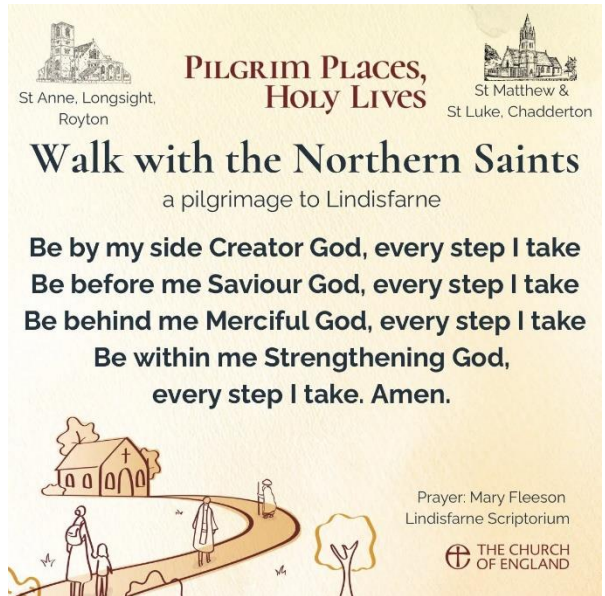
Revd Liz has pledged to walk 325 miles starting today and ending on St Aidan's Day- 31 August. She will walk around Chadderton and Royton- and sometimes further afield- and will plot the miles walked on a pilgrimage map. The pilgrimage route will take in churches, cathedrals, monasteries, convents and a variety of holy sites.

As we journey, we will learn more about these pilgrim places and about the holy lives of the saints we encounter and that walk with us, and we will be invited to pray for the places we visit and the people we meet.

We can follow our pilgrim's progress on social media and when you come to church. There will be opportunities throughout the summer for people to join Revd Liz on her pilgrimage walks.

Our pilgrimage prayer is written by Lindisfarne artist Mary Fleeson.

Revd Liz set off on the 325 miles Pilgrimage this afternoon from St Matthew's Chadderton, waved off by Churchwarden, Maggs! She began by praying the pilgrimage prayer, before heading to her first stop- St Anne's Royton.



St Anne, Longsight, Royton

**PILGRIM PLACES, HOLY LIVES**

St Matthew & St Luke, Chadderton

## Walk with the Northern Saints

a pilgrimage to Lindisfarne

Be by my side Creator God, every step I take  
Be before me Saviour God, every step I take  
Be behind me Merciful God, every step I take  
Be within me Strengthening God, every step I take. Amen.

Prayer: Mary Fleeson  
Lindisfarne Scriptorium

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



Revd Liz reached St Anne's Royton, and continued on to St Mark's Heyside, passing by Dr Kershaw's Hospice on the way. Giving thanks for the work of the hospice, for the staff, volunteers and supporters and praying for all the patients. Good to see the restoration work of the chapel at St Mark's progressing. Praying for all our friends at St Marks Church, Heyside and for Revd Cait. 3 miles walked- 322 miles to go!



## Day two 5 miles

Revd Liz set off early this morning from St Mark's Heyside heading towards St Thomas Moorside, with her first companion on this journey- Winefride Hilda, known as Winnie to her friends! Winnie is named after two great Saints herself!



We arrived at St Thomas Moorside at just after 7 and prayed in the beautiful churchyard. Praying for the church, for Revd Cait, all those who worship there and the community they serve in Moorside.



We walked another 5 miles today on our pilgrimage and arrived at Christchurch Denshaw. Praying for Revd Sachin, Team Vicar, as he prepares to move later this summer and for all the clergy and parishioners in the Saddleworth team of churches as they prepare for his departure and continue to wait for a new Team Rector too. We walked on a little further down the road towards our next destination- St Bartholomew Marsden. 8 miles completed, 317 to go.



## Day three

## 8.5 miles

Day 3 of Walking with the Northern Saints began very early again with Winnie as we walked from near Christchurch Denshaw heading towards St Bartholomew Marsden. As I walk I do not carry a pilgrim staff but I do carry a spiritual equivalent. A Celtic cross of beginnings and endings. The chalice symbol on the cross signifies life's source, where change is of the essence. And so through life, when there is acceptance of change, of the circle of endings and beginnings, then the unexpected has a chance. We soon reached the beautiful still waters, and the lone sheep watched us intently.

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone,  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.

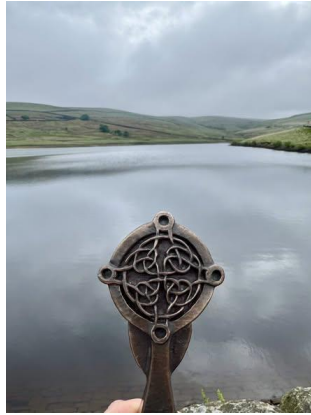
And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me,  
and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.

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Another waymark along the road. The hills were shrouded in a blanket of low lying cloud, the light just about breaking through. A reminder that when we feel we are walking through darkness in our lives the light will always break through. "Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator[a] shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard." Isaiah 58:8 . The stile had an unexpected message attached!

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." John 3:16



There were 2 roads I could have taken to walk to Marsden - and on reflection I probably should have taken the other one! The one I took, meant we paid an unexpected visit to St James Slaithwaite.

It reminded me of one of the poems I had to learn by heart at school. Sometimes poems can help us reflect on things more deeply, or help us see things in a different way or simply express something we have found difficult to name or put into words. Do you have a poem that you like to read, that inspires you or brings you comfort?

### The Road Not Taken by Robert Frost.

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim,  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.



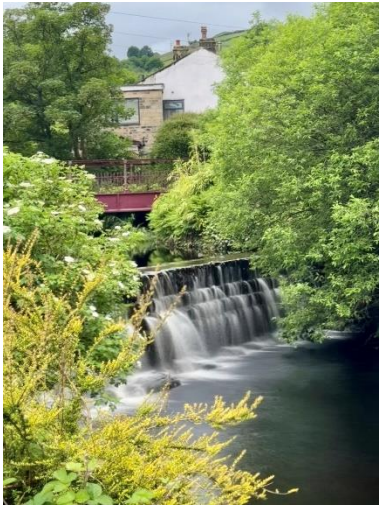
Slaithwaite's school show (The Wizard of Oz) display on the fence brought a smile to my face! Beauty by the roadside, flowers growing from through the stone wall. Persistence in prayer. Seeds sown wildly and often without knowledge can blossom and grow and bear fruit in the most unexpected places. The roses, honeysuckle and other flowers around the village were so incredibly beautiful. The bird app on my phone identified a skylark too. The hymn "For the beauty of the earth" was going around and around in my head like a mantra. Hymns can often be beautiful prayers. St Augustine said "When we sing, we pray twice."



Lovely to walk by the canal at Slaithwaite. The full lock chamber reminded me of Margaret Silf's book Landmarks- a pivotal book on my vocational journey. "The lock chamber is not a prison but a place of transformation where God's inflowing grace might raise me to where I must be to journey on and explore." What helps to raise you up? Being in nature? Praying or worshipping in a particular way? Spending time alone or being part of something bigger?



It was good to arrive at Marsden and see the "Cathedral of the Colne Valley", St Bartholomew, Marsden. Praying for Revd Graeme Blackwell the newly appointed Vicar of Marsden, Slaithwaite and East Scammonden as he prepares for his new ministry. Prayers too for the Archdeacon of Halifax, and former curate of St Anne's Royton, Bill Braviner. A post box to heaven on the gate wall to the churchyard. I will lift up my eyes to the hill... There are a lot of hills on this pilgrimage!



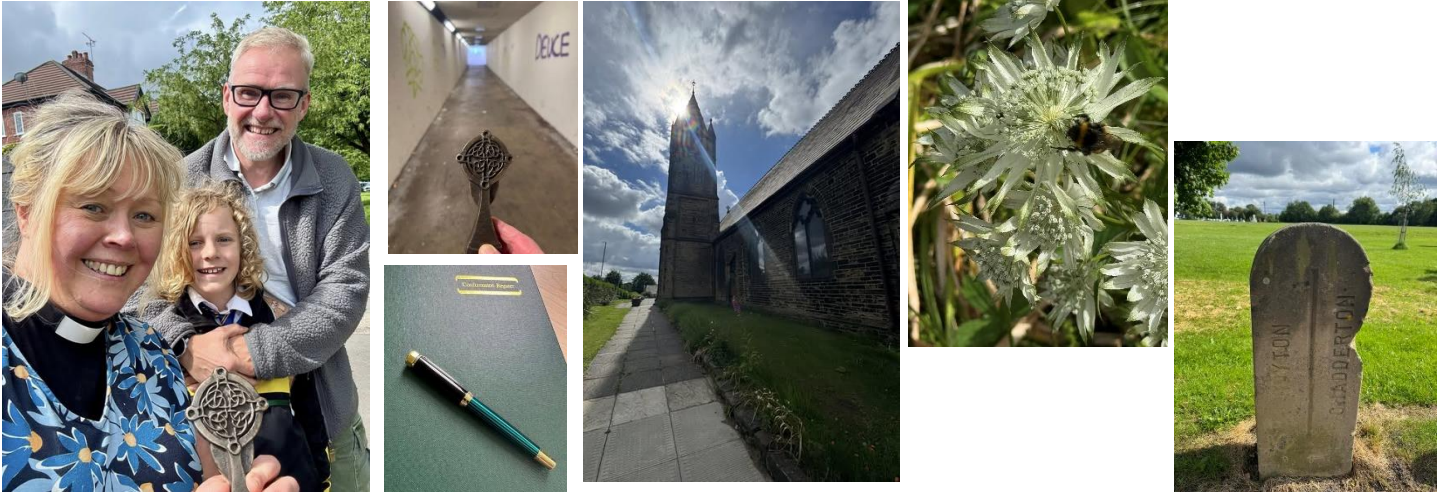
This afternoon Winnie decided to have a rest whilst Revd Liz walked to St Matthew's church to get some things ready for the Confirmation service this Sunday, whilst praying for those to be confirmed by name. The rhythm of walking can help our minds to slow down and help us to pray.

Please hold in your prayers

Becky, Julie, Bernie, Jennifer, Emma and Tom as they prepare for Confirmation and for Bishop Mark as he prepares to confirm them. 🌟 Come Holy Spirit!

Lovely to see Albert and his dad (who come to St Anne's) the way to St Matthew's and tell them about the pilgrimage!

8.5 miles walked today! Now on the way to St Peter's Huddersfield- only 308.5 miles to go!



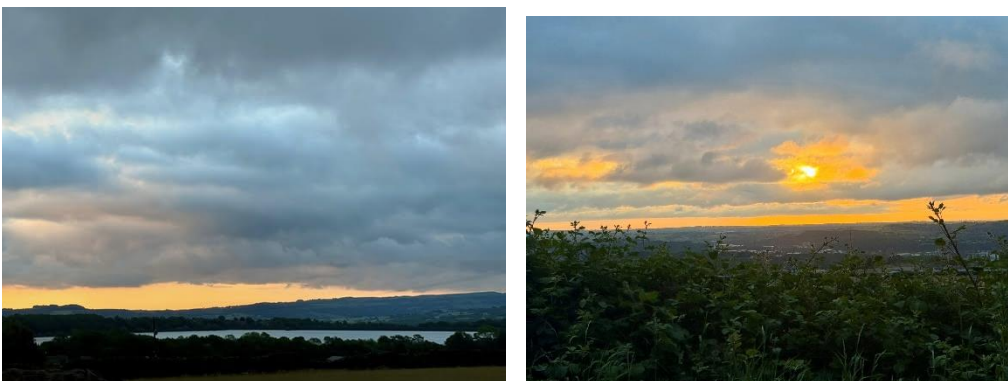
## Day four

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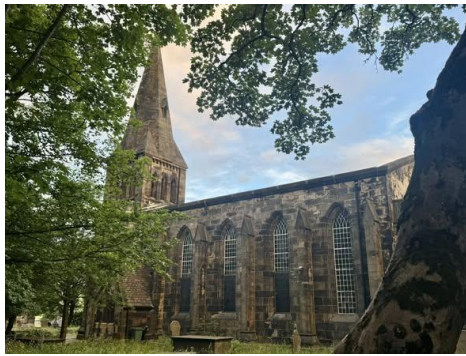
Day 4 of Walk with the Northern Saints- a pilgrimage to Lindisfarne.

Continuing on the journey to St Peter's Huddersfield- driving to where we stopped near Marsden yesterday, and continuing the pilgrimage. We were early enough to delight in a beautiful sunrise over the moors. Thankful for this blessing.

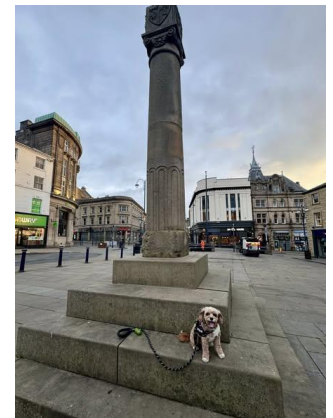
From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised. Psalm 113:3



A road was closed, making a diversion or detour necessary resulting in an impromptu and unexpected visit to Christchurch Linthwaite. The light of the sun was warming the old stones and bringing them to life as though the building was waking up. How do we react when something interrupts or changes our plans? Do we get frustrated and grumble or are we open to new experiences and challenges?



The town was incredibly quiet and just beginning to wake up when we arrived at St Peter's Huddersfield. Praying for the Vicar, the Revd Canon Rachel Firth and the curate the Revd Wayne Simmonds and the congregation and parish they serve. Good to pause here and pray. When I embarked on a similar pilgrimage during lockdown, 6 years ago Rachel kindly welcomed me "virtually" to Huddersfield Parish Church by video. She had only been licensed to the role only a few weeks earlier by zoom! Thankful for people I have met on previous pilgrimages and the kindnesses received and looking forward to discovering who I will meet on this pilgrimage.



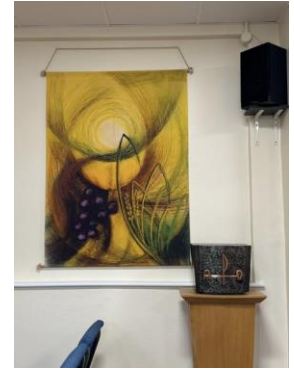
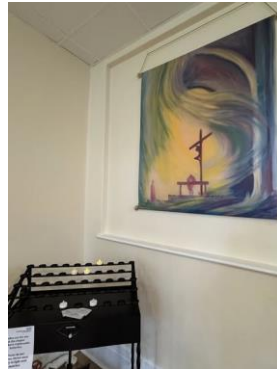
Good to see the windows opposite St Peter's reflect something of the inclusive welcome to be found at Huddersfield Parish Church and clearly in the town too. Praying for all who have felt excluded or marginalised by the church or society on the grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality. Praying for the work of the Inclusive Church Network and for The Village Church in Manchester and that our Church may be a Church that welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ and celebrates and affirms every person.



After the showers the sky cleared a little this afternoon and I physically walked up to Royal Oldham Hospital whilst virtually walking from Huddersfield to the Community of the Resurrection Mirfield. Praying for all who are anxiously waiting for hospital tests, appointments, procedures and results. I spent some time in the chapel. Praying for the Chaplaincy team led by Revd Kathryn Carmylie and all who work and serve at the hospital and receiving treatment at the moment.

Walking back home the heavens opened and I got soaked. I think it was Billy Connolly that said there is no such thing as bad weather, just the wrong clothing! Just as quick as the rain started it stopped and sky was a beautiful blue once more.

5.5 miles walked today and now on the way to the Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield. 303 miles to go!



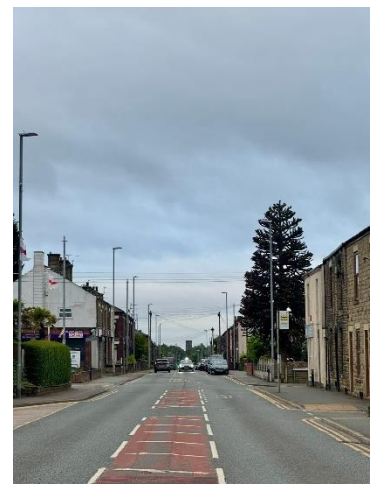
## Day five 6 miles

Day 5 of Walk with the Northern Saints - a pilgrimage to Lindisfarne. On our pilgrimage of the heart, we are making our way towards the Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield. However, physically I am walking from St Anne's Royton to Holy Trinity Shaw, where I was confirmed, then to St Mary's High Crompton where I was baptised and back to St Anne's where I arrived as a curate 16 years ago 5 years ago as the Vicar.

Today the Church also celebrates the Feast of Corpus Christi. This feast day is significant and important in my life journey.

As part of the Confirmation preparation, the people to be confirmed this Sunday, were asked to reflect back on their lives, and mark on a time line, significant events, places and people in their lives and then to look back over their lives again to see if they could, on reflection, see where God had been at work in their lives. Today I have journeyed to some of the significant places in my life and gave thanks for those who had inspired, encouraged, challenged and supported me in those places.

I'm often shocked when people tell me they don't know where St Anne's church is. It is visible it as soon as you come off the Big Lamp roundabout in Shaw- a welcome sight on the road. An example perhaps of how sometimes we need to take step back to see something we've failed notice that's been right under our nose.



I arrived at Holy Trinity Shaw, the place where I was confirmed on 10 March 1982. I was only 11 but I can remember clearly walking back to my pew after receiving the sacrament of confirmation and feeling changed in some way, energised. A special day.

In remembering my own Confirmation, I prayed for those to be confirmed on Sunday at St Matthew's by Bishop Mark. Please continue to hold Becky, Julie, Bernie, Jennifer, Emma and Tom in your prayers. I didn't go inside Holy Trinity today but the baptistery there has a beautiful depiction of the Holy Spirit. Come Holy Spirit, come.



Leaving Holy Trinity I walked a path I had walked many, many years ago as I walked past my first school, New Barn- now called Crompton Primary. The Junior school is no longer there but the infant building, which was brand new when I started school is there. Giving thanks for those teachers who inspired me, gave me confidence and encouraged me, remembering especially Mrs Wrigley, Mrs Patterson and Miss Murphy.

I then walked along the public footpath up to Edward Road that I used to walk along every day. I remember it as being a very long path- I was shocked by how short it was!

Then up the hill (there are always hills to climb!) to where I lived for nearly all my childhood until I left home. Giving thanks for and praying for family and friends made there.

Walking up Rochdale Road and praying for staff and pupils at Crompton House school, especially those taking and administering exams at this time. Remembering too with a thankful heart the staff and pupils I worked with there before I was ordained.



Walking a familiar path, past the house where I first lived as a baby and where my Grandma and Grandad lived. On my way to St Mary's High Crompton, the church where I was baptised, and my pilgrimage through life with Gid began. My Mum, Grandma, Great Grandma, Son, Daughter and Granddaughter were all baptised here too.

This is the church where the seeds of faith were sown and nurtured, where I was loved into being. Giving thanks for and praying for the "northern saints" of my St Mary's church family. Praying especially for all who were in Ladies '93 , The Ladies Society, the Re-start group, those involved in

pantomimes, fellow Sunday school teachers and my wonderful Sunday School teacher, Sally Turner-who I've just found out is 88 today! Happy Birthday Sally! Praying for Revd Anne & Mthr Dorothy who were ordained from St Mary's , like me, and for Susanne training for the priesthood at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield now. Giving thanks for and holding in prayer Fr Alan (RIP) and Pam and family for their support, encouragement and friendship.

Praying for Fr Paul, Fr Matt, Fr Howard, Mthr Sarah and Mthr Dorothy who serve this a mission Community and Fr Dean as he prepares for his ordination to the priesthood.

Praying for Pam Hartley, Headteacher, and all at St Mary's school, where I worked for a number of years first as midday supervisor then as administrator and where my children attended. Thankful for the joyful memories of school and church life in that place.



As I walked back to Royton via a different route, the heavens opened! I had learnt from yesterday and had carried a rain coat with me! The usual beautiful views from Thornham Road were hidden from sight by the mist and rain. Sometimes in our life it might feel that God is hidden from us. The psalmist tells us not to trust in our feelings, but to trust in God.

“How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord because he has dealt bountifully with me.” Psalm 13:1,5-6.

As I neared St Anne's it was good to walk with Mrs Snape, a teacher and SENCo at St Anne's school. I had a short while then before I would be in St Anne's leading collective worship about pilgrimage. I arrived in school looking very much like a pilgrim who had walked a long way in the rain! 6 miles walked today and I have arrived at the Community of the Resurrection on the pilgrimage map! More about that arrival tomorrow!



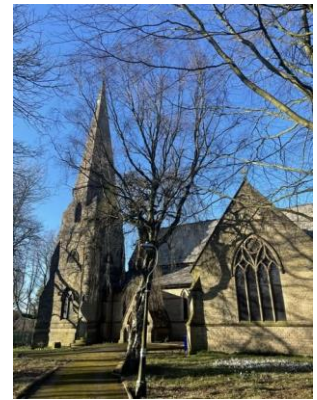
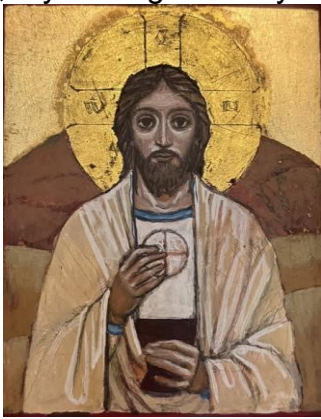
I said on my first post today that the Feast of Corpus Christi was special to me for several reasons. The Eucharist is at the heart of my spirituality, and the feast of Corpus Christi is a joyous celebration of the gift of Eucharist.

I moved into the curate's house on the Feast of Corpus Christi 16 years ago and that evening I attended a celebration of the feast at St John the Evangelist, Hurst. At my home church of St Mary's High Crompton we kept the feast on the following Sunday- which was my final service at the church I had attended all of my life before moving to St Anne Royton as a newly ordained deacon.

3 years later on Corpus Christi Sunday I left my curacy at St Anne's to become Vicar of St John the Evangelist Hurst. 8 years later I left St John's on the Sunday after Corpus Christi to become Vicar of St Mark's Heyside and St Anne's Royton.

Today on the feast of Corpus Christi, I went back to St John the Evangelist Hurst, with Mthr Carol's kind permission, and attended a celebration of the feast, with a beautiful Eucharist, Adoration and Benediction. Bishop Mark's sermon began by emphasising the importance of people and place- on a day when my reflections on this pilgrimage had been all about the people and places that have been significant in my life and faith.

It was lovely to see my dear friends at St John's and to be back in that church and community I had served for 8 years, and of course the church I embarked on the first virtual pilgrimage to Lindisfarne I did, 6 years ago! A day of great thanksgiving.



At the end of Thursday I had walked 28 miles so far this week, meaning I had reached the Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield and had begun to journey on towards Wakefield cathedral. Winnie and I actually visited Mirfield on Wednesday and walked around the beautiful grounds and prayed on a bench, as the Brothers prayed Mattins.

Holding Susanne Morris in prayer, an ordinand studying at at Mirfield now. Also praying for Fr Lewis at St Paul's Church, Royton and St James Church, Oldham and Fr Stephen and Fr Alex at St Mark's Church, Chadderton and St Gabriel's Church, Middleton Junction and Bishop Mark Davies, who all trained at Mirfield.



## Day six 4 miles

This morning I drove over to Mirfield, without Winnie, so I could join the Brethren for Mattins. After Mattins, Fr Owsin, the Superior at the Community of the Resurrection kindly prayed with Revd Liz in the Chapel of Reconciliation and prayed a blessing on her as she continues on this pilgrimage to Lindisfarne.

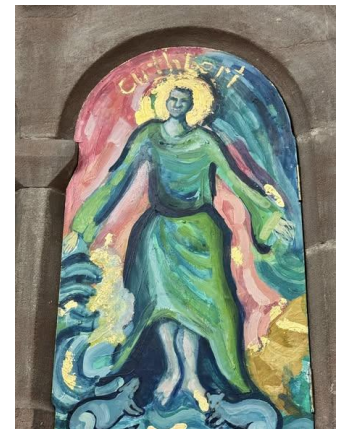
When I embarked on a previous pilgrimage to Lindisfarne Fr Oswin said "May St Cuthbert walk with you." I am conscious as I walk that I am never alone, the Saints who have gone before us, walk with us. Huge thanks to Fr Charlie for helping to facilitate my time at Mirfield this morning and to Fr Oswin for his prayer and blessing. Holding the Community in my prayer as I journey on.



Behind the beautiful St Wilfrid and St Cuthbert doors are some of the Community's relics including some fragments of St Cuthbert's coffin.

We will learn more about St Cuthbert further along the pilgrimage as we reach Durham and continue on to Lindisfarne. Cuthbert will be a companion on this pilgrimage.

One of the many stories about Cuthbert is depicted on this door, painted by Lorraine Lamond. St Cuthbert is shown coming out of the sea and finds his feet being dried by the otters.



Peaceful and uplifting in the Rose garden and the grounds at the Community of the Resurrection Mirfield. An abundance of colour and fragrance. Good to pause and spend some time in stillness when on a pilgrimage too. It's important to make time to reflect.

Another 4 miles walked today.

Only 4.3 miles to go before I reach Wakefield Cathedral. 32 miles walked so far. 293 miles until we reach Lindisfarne! Day 7 is a day of rest!

