

walk with the northern saints - a pilgrimage to lín dísfarne



tríntý sundag to st aídán's day
31st may-31st august 2026
st aídán's day newsletter

week 10

In Week 10 I walked around Royton and Chadderton, around Thornham, High Crompton, Shaw, Alexandra Park in Oldham and from St Chad's Rochdale to Manchester Cathedral as part of the Franciscan Peace Pilgrimage where I arrived at our destination of Lindisfarne spiritually. The point we arrived there physically was along the canal behind the BP Garage at Slattocks!

post pilgrimage up to st aidan's day

Part of the time since arriving at Lindisfarne spiritually, I have been on annual leave and I was able to physically visit Lindisfarne and stay on the Island for 3 nights. It was such a blessing to be able to actually cross the causeway and spend time on the island watching the sun rise and sun set, watch the tide come in and the tide go out, listen to the birds and the seals and simply rest in the arms of God in that 'thin place' often called the 'Cradle of Christianity'. In that time also the church celebrated a number of Saints, so I have included something about each of them in the newsletter.

On Sunday 30th August, both churches celebrated St Aidan and said prayers of thanksgiving for the pilgrimage.

On Monday 31st August, St Aidan's Day a number of pilgrims from both churches joined Revd Liz on the pilgrimage walk and at the end of the journey at St Aidan's Church Sudden, where we received wonderful hospital from Revd Sydwell Isaac and some of the congregation at St Aidan's. The final walk brought the total number of miles walked on the pilgrimage to 342.57 miles. It was a wonderful way to complete our 3 months of pilgrimage to Lindisfarne.

sponsored walk

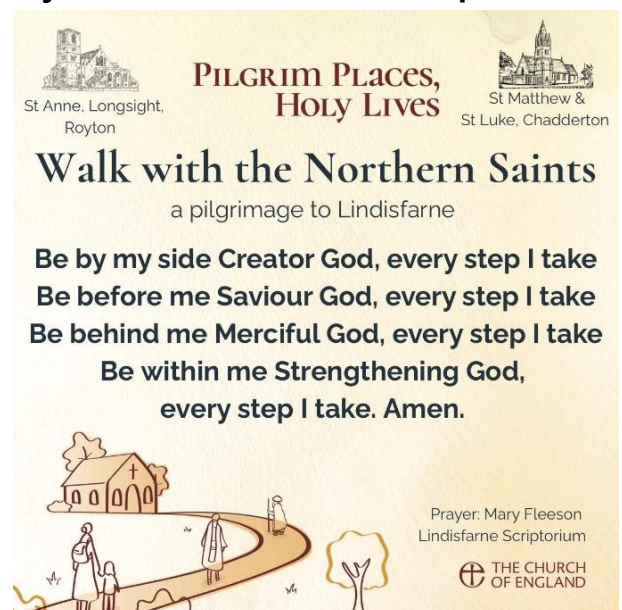
As well as being a virtual pilgrimage, where we pray each day and 'visit' holy and spiritual sites along the way to Lindisfarne, there is also the opportunity to sponsor Revd Liz for the physical challenge of walking 325 miles between Trinity Sunday and St Aidan's Day (31 May-31 August). Each Church, St Matthew and St Luke Chadderton and St Anne, Longsight Royton will be raising money for their own Church funds but they will also be raising money for Dr Kershaw's Hospice.

To sponsor Revd Liz and donate to **St Matthew and St Luke Chadderton and Dr Kershaw's Hospice** via our secure portal please click [here](#).

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Please do share this newsletter with family and friends, tell them about the pilgrimage and maybe ask if they would follow along and be willing to sponsor Revd Liz.

Please do continue to pray for me as I pray for you.
With love and prayers Revd Liz



northern saints pilgrimage

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

Day seventy three clare of assisi

11th august

Born in 1193 in Assisi of a wealthy family, Clare caught the joy of a new vision of the gospel from Francis' preaching. Escaping from home, first to the Benedictines and then to a Béguine-style group, she chose a contemplative way of life when she founded her own community, which lived in corporate poverty understood as dependence on God, with a fresh, democratic lifestyle. Clare became the first woman to write a religious Rule for women, and in it showed great liberty of spirit in dealing with earlier prescriptions. During the long years after Francis' death, she supported his earlier companions in their desire to remain faithful to his vision, as she did. Some of her last words were: "Blessèd be God, for having created me."

God of peace,
who in the poverty of the blessèd Clare
gave us a clear light to shine in the darkness of this world:
give us grace so to follow in her footsteps
that we may, at the last,
rejoice with her in your eternal glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.



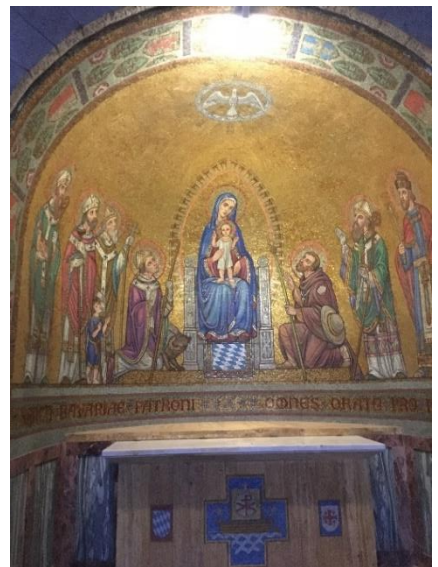
Day seventy seven the feast of the assumption of the Blessed virgin mary

15th august



15th August is the day that the Church celebrates the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God. The Orthodox church have a different name – the Dormition (falling asleep) of Mary.

In Jerusalem near the site of the Last Supper, the Cenacle there is a church – The Dormition Abbey which is built on the spot, where, according to local tradition the Blessed Virgin Mary died, or at least ended her worldly existence and her body and soul were taken up into heaven into the presence of God.



A canticle for the Feast of the Assumption

Woman clothed in the sun,
may our mortal bodies shine like yours
glad of their trials and their wounds

Woman with the moon at your feet,
may we reflect a wisdom like yours;
resplendent secret, unpossessed.

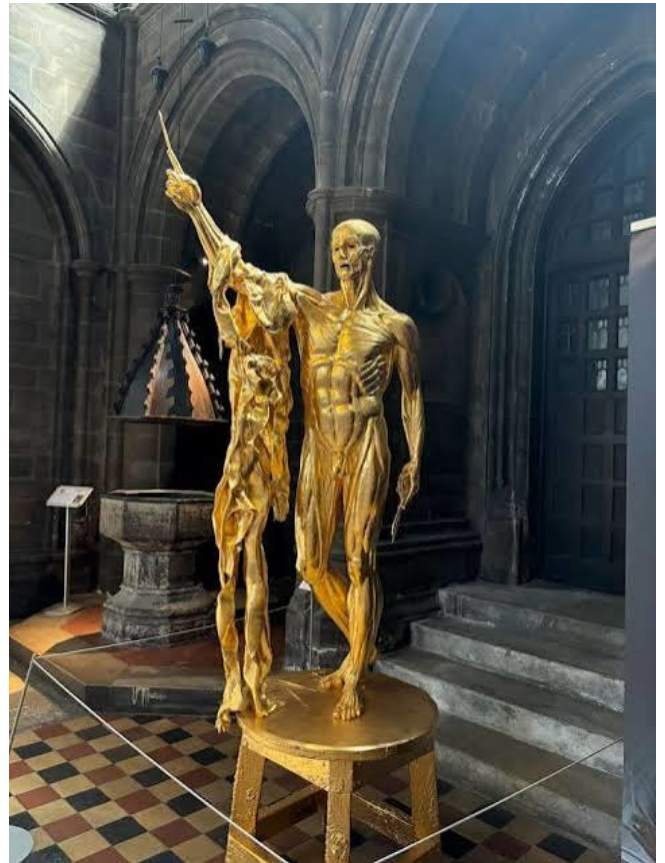
Woman crowned with the stars,
may our compassion be as wide as yours,
reaching out to lives and worlds far beyond our own.

Day eighty six 24th august

st Bartholomew

It has long been assumed that Bartholomew is the same as Nathanael though it is not a certainty. The gospels speak of Philip bringing Nathanael to Jesus and calling him an Israelite worthy of the name. He is also present beside the Sea of Galilee at the resurrection. Although he seems initially a somewhat cynical man, he recognises Jesus for who he is and proclaims him as Son of God and King of Israel. The picture of St Bartholomew is in St Bartholomew's Sithfield in London. He is seen holding his skin as he is believed to have been flayed alive and beheaded. He is the Patron Saint of tanners, plasterers, tailors, farmers, butchers and glove makers amongst many other things!

Almighty and everlasting God,
who gave to your apostle Bartholomew
grace truly to believe and to preach your word:
grant that your Church
may love that word which he believed
and may faithfully preach and receive the same;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.



Day eighty nine

27th august

st monica

Monica was born in North Africa of Christian parents in 332 and she was married to a pagan named Patricius, whom she converted to Christianity. They had three children of whom the most famous was her eldest child, the future Augustine. Indeed, Augustine ascribed his conversion to the example and devotion of his mother: "She never let me out of her prayers that you, O God, might say to the widow's son 'Young man, I tell you arise'" -- which is why the gospel of the widow of Nain is traditionally read today as her memorial. Monica's husband died when she was forty. Her desire had been to be buried alongside him, but this was not to be. She died in Italy, at Ostia, in 387 on her way home to North Africa with her two sons

Faithful God,
who strengthened Monica,
the mother of Augustine, with wisdom,
and through her patient endurance encouraged him
to seek after you:
give us the will to persist in prayer
that those who stray from you may be brought to faith
in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.



Day ninety 28th august st augustine of hippo

Augustine was born in North Africa in 354. His career as an orator and rhetorician led him from Carthage to Rome, and from there to Milan where the Imperial court at that time resided. By temperament, he was passionate and sensual, and as a young man he rejected Christianity. Gradually, however, under the influence first of Monica, his mother, and then of Ambrose, bishop of Milan, Augustine began to look afresh at the Scriptures. He was baptised by Ambrose at the Easter Vigil in 387. Not long after returning to North Africa he was ordained priest, and then became Bishop of Hippo. It is difficult to overestimate the influence of Augustine on the subsequent development of European thought. A huge body of his sermons and writings has been preserved, through all of which runs the theme of the sovereignty of the grace of God. He died in the year 430.



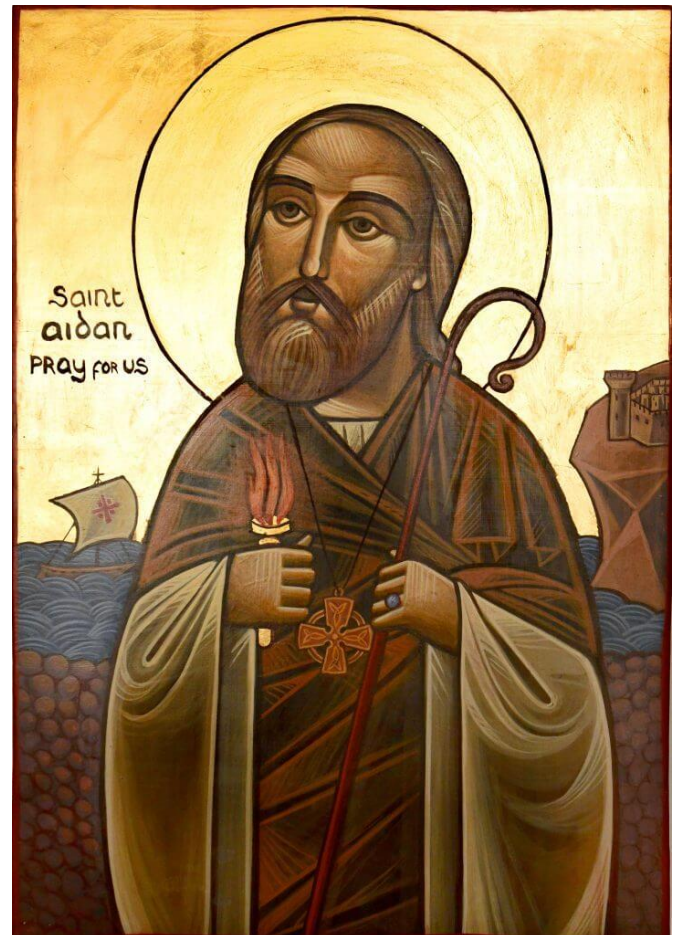
Merciful Lord,
who turned Augustine from his sins
to be a faithful bishop and teacher:
grant that we may follow him in penitence and discipline
till our restless hearts find their rest in you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Day ninety two 30th august celebration of st aidan

On Sunday 30th August at the Sung Eucharist at both churches we celebrated St Aidan and said prayers of thanksgiving at the end of the service. It was a joyful celebration as we looked back over the previous 92 days of the pilgrimage since Revd Liz heard God speaking to her through the first reading on Trinity Sunday from Isaiah 35

"You shall walk and not faint!"

Revd Liz invited anyone to meet the next day at 8.45am at St Anne's for the final pilgrimage walk on St Aidan's day.



King Oswald, the King of Northumbria had spent some time on Iona in exile. He had become a Christian and hoped that one day he might share in the bringing of Christianity to Northumbria. As soon as he regained control of his Kingdom, he sent to Iona for teachers and preachers, that his people might be educated and hear the Gospel of Christ.

The monk that was sent, Cormac, soon returned complaining of the brutish and uncouth peoples of Oswald's Kingdom. Aidan knew this great opportunity could not be missed for the sake of the community on Iona and for the sake of the Gospel.

Aidan stood up with a firm voice and said, "Brother, it seems to me that you were too hard on these untaught minds. You expected too much too soon. You should have followed the example of the apostles and begun by giving them the milk of simple teaching, gradually instructing them until they were able to accept more. You cannot force people to be where you want them to be without showing them what they are missing by remaining as they are." A strong reprimand from a gentle soul. Cormac was amazed and stung by Aidan's words more or less said if you can do better pick a band of fellow workers and see what you can do!

Abbot Segne offered Aidan the chance to go as a bishop and evangelist with a group of men to educate and evangelise the Court of Oswald and the people of Northumbria. Aidan felt he had been preparing for this moment his whole life and felt called to adventure for Christ!



As Aidan and his men journeyed to Northumbria they recited the psalms as they travelled – they knew all 150 of them by heart. Aidan knew that they should not live in the King's fortress, they had to win hearts through the love of Christ not through the power of the King. He was delighted to see lots of Islands off the coast at Bamburgh and asked the King if they might use one of those for their base. Oswald explained they were too small and little more than rocks – "Not one of them is large enough or productive enough for you to settle on them." "Not one?" asked Aidan disappointed. "Well there is one if you can call it an Island, it is larger than the rest and has its own water supply with good fishing around the shores. But it is not a proper Island." Aidan was puzzled but Oswald explained that twice a day as the tide goes out the sea no longer surrounds it and it becomes part of the mainland joined by sand and mudflats.

Then twice a day the tide comes back in and it becomes an island again. The tide changes every day so you have to understand the rhythm to live there in safety.

Aidan could only see good in this – they were near enough the centre of power but far enough away for the quiet of prayer. The idea of being cut off and then open appealed to Aidan's idea of what their mission would be like. There must always be times of a balance between prayer and outward actions, between stillness and activity.

Oswald gave Aidan and his monks the island and offered to provide everything they needed. They set aside 40 days of prayer for the dedication and preparation of the site as a "city of God." Mission had often failed because people sought to talk about God when they had not yet talked enough to him.

Aidan was incredibly generous and gave away all he had given to him – one time he gave a beggar a horse that the King, Oswin, had given him to aid him in his mission. Aidan had a great talent for

meeting and making contact with people and to help with this he preferred to walk as horse riding would set him above people. Walking made it easier to pray too, especially with others. (I found that walking made it easier to pray too!)

You could imagine Aidan instructing his students to keep their feet on the ground. They should not think of themselves as more important than or above others, for all are children of God. Nor should they be so heavenly minded as to be of no earthly use. They must have their feet firmly on the earth even if their hearts were set on heaven.

In the 16 years since Aidan first went to Bamburgh Aidan had worshipped God and brought others to him – there were centres of worship and places of learning throughout the land. All down the coast at every river mouth there was a Christian settlement and often a monastery. Churches and wayside crosses were springing up across the land. With Oswy as King after Oswin died things were beginning to change and war and internal strife was hindering the Christian mission and the unity of the Kingdom.

Aidan began to look back on his life and he thanked God for Columba and the saints of Iona, especially those who had accompanied him to Lindisfarne. He remembered the hospitality of Kings especially Oswald and Oswin, He remembered when he persuaded Princess Hilda to stay in England and become a nun. At the age of 12 Hilda had been baptised alongside King Edwin by Paulinus in York. When she was 33 Aidan persuaded her to help establish a monastery in England rather than go to France and Hilda was given a hide of land on the north side of the River Wear, but she had been there only a year when he made her abbess of the monastery at Hartlepool. The first woman in Northumbria to take the vows and habit of a nun and herself consecrated by Aidan. Aidan was aware of so many monasteries that had been founded and of the good work they were doing. So many exciting things had happened, but there was still so much more to be achieve.

It was at Bamburgh at the wooden church Aidan had established that Aidan died on the evening of 31 August 65. His feet had always been firmly planted on the ground but his heart had always belonged to God and the kingdom of heaven. (see Week 13)

It would be impossible to say how many lives Aidan had touched and influenced in his lifetime. He influenced kings and kingdoms, he taught future teachers and missionaries. His life touched the lives of Chad and Cedd, Hilda and Ebba. Countless unnamed people were brought to faith and a whole land changed. We have heard of Cuthbert's heavenly vision on the night Aidan died of Cuthbert seeing the angels take Aidan's bright soul into heaven, so Aidan influenced even this young man, though Cuthbert was over forty miles away in the hills looking after sheep.

Aidan was buried at Lindisfarne in the monk's cemetery. Later his bones were translated into the church on the Island. After the Synod of Whitby Colman took some of Aidan's bones with him first to Iona and Ireland. The rest of Aidan's bones remained on Lindisfarne until the second Viking invasion of 875. Then his relics, along with the body of Cuthbert and the head of Oswald, were removed from the island by members of the community seeking a safe home for them. After years of wandering Aidan, Oswald and Cuthbert would find rest. Aidan of course especially remembered on 31 August the day he died at Bamburgh.

Joseph Barber Lightfoot, Bishop of Durham in the times of Queen Victoria, said of Aidan and his lasting influence. "Augustine was the apostle of Kent, but Aidan was the apostle of England."

Extracts from the David Adam book, Aidan, Bede and Cuthbert: Three Inspirational Saints © David Adam 2006 have been used in the pieces about Cuthbert and Aidan in these newsletters.



the final pilgrimage walk

Today we are walking to St Aidan's Sudden, to mark the end of the pilgrimage and to celebrate St Aidan's Day. St Aidan was the first Bishop of Lindisfarne.

Before we began the final pilgrimage walk I had a little walk with Winnie. She has been my companion on many of the pilgrimage walks. I can't begin to imagine how many steps her little paws have done! Thankful for her companionship on this journey.



Thankful that I have been joined by pilgrims from cloth churches this morning on our final pilgrimage walk. Lynda from St Anne's did her own walking challenge and walked the direct route to Lindisfarne of 200 miles, collecting sponsorship for the challenge.

We prayed the pilgrimage prayer, written by Mary Fleeson of [Lindisfarne Scriptorium](#)

Be by my side Creator God every step I take,
By 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.

We also prayed for the staff and pupils at the schools within our parishes as they prepare for the new school year asking for a God's blessing on them.



We encountered a hungry sheep on our journey!

We also went past the site of the first water powered cotton mill in Oldham and possibly in Lancashire. It has been fascinating for me to discover historical facts and places on this pilgrimage that I probably wouldn't have seen otherwise.

Thinking of those who have walked these paths before, those who have worshipped with us in our churches once but not worship with us in heaven.



As I have walked on this pilgrimage I have enjoyed looking at the most wonderful views and today there was a fantastic view over Oldham as we walked up towards Tandle Hills and the sun broke through the clouds.

Giving thanks for all that the pilgrimage has enabled us to see. The amazing skies at sunset and sunrise, the shimmering lakes, canals and seas, the rolling green hills and the flowers and trees. Lord help us to notice and give thanks for the wonder and beauty of your creation each day. Amen.



I have seen the Seven Sisters towers from so many view points and directions on this pilgrimage so they were a welcome and familiar sight today as we walked further into Rochdale.

Praying for the community of Kirkholt as we walked through the estate.

The heavens opened as we walked along here and we got soaked! A band of soggy but happy pilgrims!



Thankful for this final walk of the pilgrimage with my fellow pilgrims.

So much to give thanks for over the last 3 months of this pilgrimage. As we approach St Aidan's and near the end of this pilgrimage I hope and pray that the pilgrimage has been a fruitful time for all who have followed along on social media or by reading the newsletters. I pray it will have provided inspiration for prayer, that it will have broadened definitions and expectations of prayer. I pray will have raised funds for our churches and for Dr Kershaw's Hospice.





A wonderful welcome to St Aidan's and hospitality from Revd Sydwell and some of the congregation at St Aidan's. Thank you so much.

We said some final prayers at the church doors as we finished our pilgrimage before being welcomed inside. Revd Liz shared some reflections on the pilgrimage and Revd Sydwell prayers for us and gave a blessing before a welcome cup of tea!

6.78 miles walked today, bringing the total miles walked to 342.57

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for you have walked with us on this pilgrimage.
You have opened paths of reflection,
stirred our hearts with the stories of your saints,
and drawn us closer to Christ. Amen.





A wonderful window at St Aidan's depicting some of the Northern Saints we have encountered on our pilgrimage. It's just missing St Hilda!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

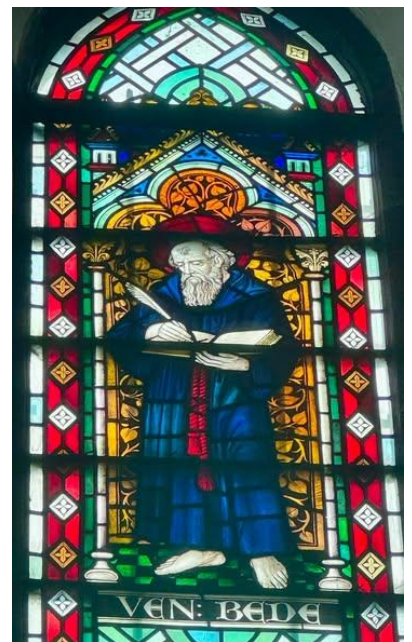
For Aidan, whose gentleness carried the gospel across the north —we give you thanks.

For Cuthbert, whose prayer shaped the land and sea —we give you thanks.

For Bede, whose wisdom still teaches us —we give you thanks.

For Hilda, whose leadership formed a community of peace — we give you thanks.

For all we have shared, all we have learned, and all you have planted in us — we give you thanks.



We rejoice that on this St Aidan's Day we have completed our Northern Saints Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne. Revd Liz has walked 342.57 miles Trinity Sunday (31 May). The walking has been sponsored with funds raised being split equally between church and Dr Kershaw's Hospice. Please go to our pinned post to find the link to donate.

I was blessed to arrive there physically a couple of weeks ago and these are some pictures from that visit. So thankful for those who have walked with me on the way, today and in the last few weeks whether planned journeys or if I have met just met folk on the way. It has been a blessing a privilege.

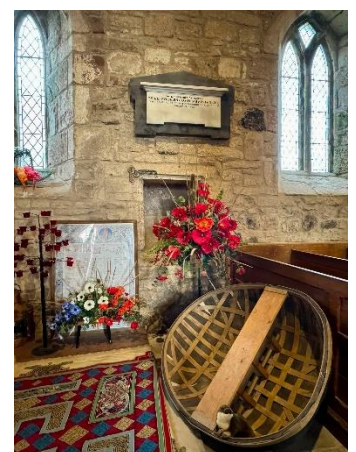
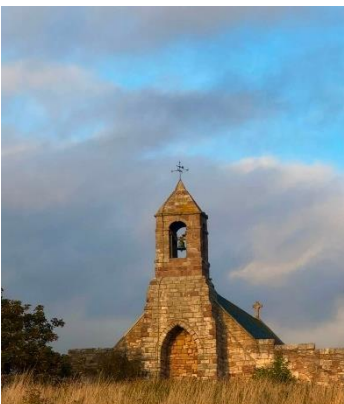
Everlasting God,
you sent the gentle bishop Aidan
to proclaim the gospel in this land:
grant us to live as he taught
in simplicity, humility, and love for the poor;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

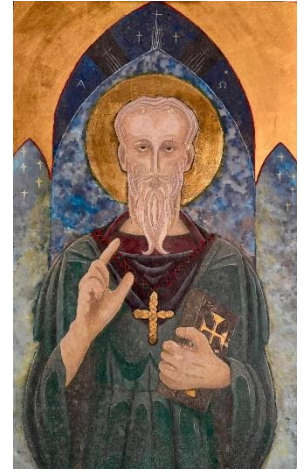
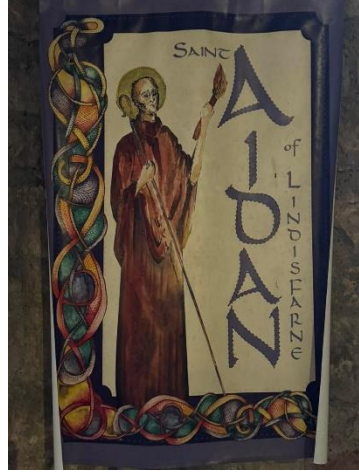


St Aidan and St Cuthbert Statues and Lindisfarne Priory



St Mary the Virgin Church





St Cuthberts' Island (Hotbrush Island)

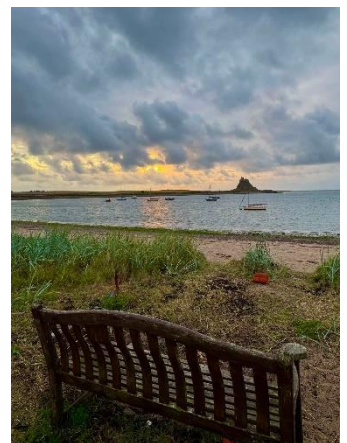




Pilgrim Posts



Lindisfarne Castle and Harbour



The Salt Kilns underneath Lindisfarne Castle



God of the pilgrim path,
send us out renewed in faith,
strengthened in hope,
and alive with your Spirit.
As the saints of Lindisfarne
shone with your light,
may we carry that same light
into the days ahead. Amen.

Final prayers from St Aidan's Day Celebration on Sunday 30 August

As we approach the end of our pilgrimage we look back on the path we have walked.

All Lord, we thank you for the steps that brought us here.
For the lessons taught by the Northern Saints:
the gentleness of Aidan, the peace of Cuthbert,
the wisdom of Hilda, and the truth of Bede.
Lord, weave their virtues into our daily lives.

As the tides rise and fall around Lindisfarne, so the seasons of our life change.

All Lord, anchor our souls in your unchanging love.

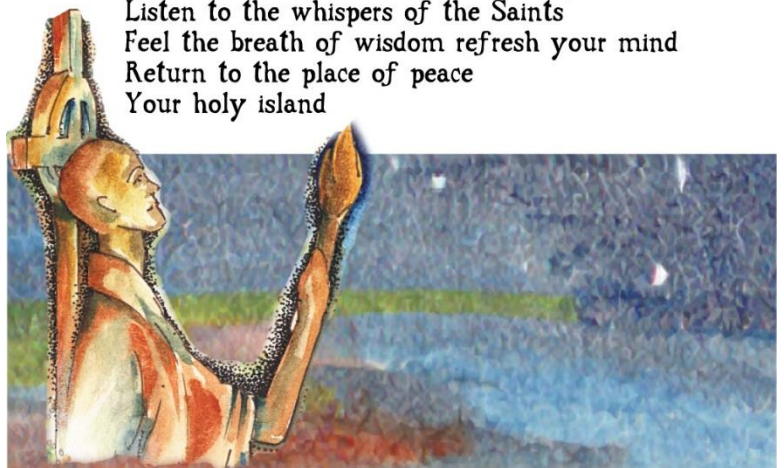
We have sought you in the wild places, in the quiet winds, and in the fellowship of the road.

All Lord, help us to find you now
in the ordinary places of our home.

Go out into the world in peace; have
courage; hold fast to that which is
good.

All Amen.
We go forward in the light of Christ.

Be still,
let the tide of memories wash over you.
Listen to the whispers of the Saints
Feel the breath of wisdom refresh your mind
Return to the place of peace
Your holy island



The end of the Pilgrimage?

We have journeyed together on this Walk with the Northern Saints – a pilgrimage to Lindisfarne , making a pilgrimage of the heart to Lindisfarne for 93 days – a quarter of the year! I have walked physically over 343. miles around , Chadderton, Royton, Oldham, Rochdale, Whitby and around the North Yorkshire Coast, West Yorkshire and Manchester. As I have walked on this pilgrimage I have prayed and through photos, words and scripture shared that prayer journey with you, which I hope has been helpful in your own reflections and prayers over these 13 weeks or so..

As we set out on this journey of the heart I hoped that it would encourage people in prayer, broaden our understanding of prayer, help us to learn more about the saints who have gone before us on these pilgrim paths, help us to think about and learn more about pilgrimage and how it is so important to our Christian Life, help us to learn about pilgrim places around the country. More people have begun to follow both churches Facebook pages during this time so I hope that the pilgrimage has had a reach further than we might know or realise. I hope that the pilgrimage will have encouraged us to see God in all things and in all those we meet.

The pilgrimage was also sponsored, with the hope of raising money for our churches and Dr Kershaw's Hospice. At St Anne's, Lynda Hamer also took on her own pilgrimage challenge, walking 200 miles (the direct distance between Royton and Lindisfarne) between 31st May and 7th August and collecting sponsorship. Lynda has raised an amazing £505. Including her sponsorship, St Anne's has raised approximately £1,500 so far, while St Matthew's has raised more than £800. Donations are still coming in for both churches, and we will share the final totals in a couple of weeks.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the pilgrimage through sponsorship. We really appreciate your support

I also want to thank everyone for their encouragement and most importantly their prayer, both for me as I walked the pilgrimage, and with me as we made this journey of the heart together. I have felt held and carried in prayer by people from St Matthew and St Luke Chadderton and St Anne Royton and from people following on social media, and by the intercession of the saints. Cuthbert, Hilda, Oswald, Aidan and Bede, amongst many others, have been companions on this journey they have encouraged me, supported me and prayed with and for me.

Well the 93 days are over, the 343. miles have been walked. Is that it? Is the pilgrimage finished? It certainly isn't for me and I hope it isn't for you who have made the journey with me. The prayer begun on this pilgrimage continues to shape and form us, our reflections on that prayer continue to feed us and nourish us. When we go on any pilgrimage, we cannot help but be changed and transformed by it. TS Elliot in his poem Little Giddings famously says about pilgrimage,

*"We shall not cease from exploration
and the end of all our exploring
will be to arrive where we started
and know the place for the first time."*

We will all return from this pilgrimage back to where we started but I hope we do so open to God continuing to work in and through us, open to his gentle nudging, his pruning, his nurturing and his all-encompassing, unconditional love.

What difference will this Pilgrimage make to your life? Have you been encouraged to try different ways of prayer? Do you want to visit some of the places we have visited virtually? Do you want to find out more about some of the saints we have met along the way?

Thank you, my fellow pilgrims, for being companions on this journey of the heart to Lindisfarne. Pray for me, as I will continue to pray for you, as we see where our pilgrimage will lead us.

With love and thanks and prayers, Revd Liz