

To be a pilgrim is to undertake a journey with a spiritual purpose. We invite you to walk some or all of the Coventry Pilgrimage route in 2018.

What is it?

We will walk the almost 50 mile route, circling Coventry from church to church around the Coventry Way footpath and reaching the Cathedral down the Sherbourne Valley Way. We will walk a section of about 4 to 6 miles on the last Saturday morning of each month for 9 months from Easter Eve, March 31st, to the Eve of Christ the King, November 24th.

Why are we doing it?

To wait for and welcome Christ the King in Coventry.

To spend time with friends and make new friends - building a reconciling community.

To celebrate the Centenary of Coventry Diocese.

To explore and enjoy our environment.

Because walking is good for us!

When is it?

We will meet outside a church at 10 am on the last Saturday morning of each month and set off by 10.15 am.

March 31st St Laurence Meriden via St John the Baptist Berkswell to Burton Green Village Hall (congregation of Westwood Church Coventry) 5.4 miles

April 28th Burton Green Village Hall (congregation of Westwood Church Coventry) to St Mary Stoneleigh 5.6 miles

May 26th St Mary Stoneleigh via St Giles Bubbenhall to St Leonard Ryton on Dunsmore 5.8 miles

June 30th St Leonard Ryton on Dunsmore via St Margaret Wolston to St John the Baptist Brinklow 5.9 miles

July 28th St John the Baptist Brinklow to St James Ansty 4.3 miles

August 25th St James Ansty to All Saints Bedworth 4.6 miles

September 29th All Saints Bedworth via St Andrew Bedworth to St Mary & All Saints Fillongley 6.2 miles

October 27th St Mary & All Saints Fillongley to All Saints Allesley 5.9 miles

November 24th All Saints Allesley via St John the Baptist Coventry and Holy Trinity Coventry to Coventry Cathedral 3.1 miles

Details of the walk for each month, guidance about where to park and suggestions for convenient places for lunch at the end of each walk will appear on the Diocesan Centenary website <u>www.cov100.org</u> month by month. (The churches on the route may or may not be open for pilgrims so please check month by month.)

Who is it for?

Anyone, church-goer or not, who wants to pray Christ's peace and blessing where we walk and on Coventry. Particularly welcome are all who work, volunteer or worship on Hill Top or around the route. Pilgrims walk at their own risk. Under 16s welcome but must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Well-behaved dogs welcome.

How do I get involved?

Just turn up. No need to register.

Because the walks are linear not circular, if possible arrange transport in a group, sharing cars and leaving a car at your destination, before driving to the starting point. There will be a few lifts back to the starting point for stranded drivers if needed.

Wear trainers, walking boots or sturdy shoes and bring a waterproof and some water. Bring a flask and a snack if you like.

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