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hurst virtual pilgrimage to līnḁisfarne week 12



**pentecost to st aīdan's day
31st may-31st august 2020**

week 12 Begins...

Thank you to everyone for your support and prayers as I continue on this physical journey of 309 miles and we spiritually journey together in prayer to Lindisfarne. I have been very grateful for the prayerful support of those whose holy sites I have visited this week.

At the end of last week I had physically walked to and prayed around Lees New Road, Alt Hill Lane and the Oldham to Ashton Greenway cycle path, the Ashton to Oldham Greenway Cycle Path to Alexandra Park and back, Knot Hill Reservoir, Hollingworth Lake and Hurst Cemetery. I walked a total of 26.73 miles bringing the total walked to 247.79 miles.

I started last week spiritually walking towards St Peter's Monkwearmouth, after arriving there I went on to arrive at St Paul's Jarrow and then Newcastle Cathedral, and began the journey to St Cuthbert's Bedlington which was 4.31 miles away.


This week I have physically walked and prayed along High Crompton, Burnedge, Milnrow, Newhey and Shaw, Hurst Cemetery (twice), Dove Stones Reservoir on an imaginative journey around Lake Galilee with Revd's Penny and David Warner of Stalybridge and Mossley, and again on another occasion simply walking and praying on my own and a blustery walk around Hollingworth Lake.

As the new week begins...I spiritually reach St Cuthbert's Bedlington and begin the spiritual journey to Alnmouth Friary 2.87 miles away.


I hope that you will continue to walk with me on this spiritual pilgrimage and that you will make use of this booklet in your prayer over the coming week.

hurst virtual pilgrimage prayer

Hurst Virtual Pilgrimage Prayer



**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.**


Prayer- Mary Fleeson www.lindisfarne-scriptorium.co.uk

day seventy eight 16th august 6.3 miles



Spiritually on the way to St Cuthbert's Bedlington and physically walking from High Crompton over Burnedge, to Milnrow, Newhey, Dunwood Park and back . Thankful for happy childhood memories at High Crompton Park and for happy times here with my children.



Walking over Burnedge and there are wonderful views even in the rain. Praying for Revd Ian Hennebry and all St Cuthbert's Bedlington as I spiritually journey to this ancient church which can be dated back to the tenth century.



Walking down Lower Lane to Milnrow past countless industrial units. I came across a poem by "Bard on a Bike" Seamus Kelly- one of 40 poems along this route designed to revive an interest in cycling. Praying for all poets and cyclists. Praying especially for Revd David Warner who has just bought a new bike – lots of hills in Mossley!



A cow peering through the long grass was interested in my progress on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage. I reached Milnrow and I see a sign for HMP Buckley Hall prison. Praying for all who work at the prison- including our Churchwarden's son-in-law & Revd Hilary Edgerton- prison chaplain and priest in the Saddleworth Team.



Walking through Milnrow on past beautiful old stone buildings. Looking up the road towards the way to Hollingworth Lake- one of my favourite places to walk. Praying for Revd Janet Pitman Vicar of St James Milnrow and St Thomas' Newhey and the congregations of those churches.



An array of beautiful flowers. Walking on this pilgrimage these past 3 months has helped me be much more aware of the transformations in nature through the seasons and I've made more time to stop and to enjoy the beauty. Something I need to continue once the pilgrimage is over. Is there something that you have started to do during lockdown that has been good for you that you want and/or need to continue as things start to slowly change?



Walking through Newhey and over the two bridges that give Two Bridge Road its name. The town is surrounded by beautiful rolling hills. Praying for those who live and work in Newhey and Milnrow.



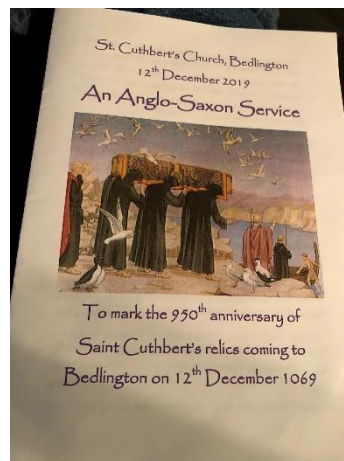
Walking into Shaw past the tram crossing and round Jubilee Bends to Dunwood Park. Remembering walking this way before with Revd Katy Cunliffe and Revd Anne Robinson on this pilgrimage up the steep incline-praying for them. I decide to take a gentler and less muddy path!



Walking through Dunwood Park and back up the hill to High Crompton. Praying for Oldham Council Parks department who maintain this beautiful space. Happy memories of pushing a double pram up this hill more than 20 years ago from my home at the bottom of the hill to playschool, nursery and my Grandma's at the top! 6.3 miles walked today.



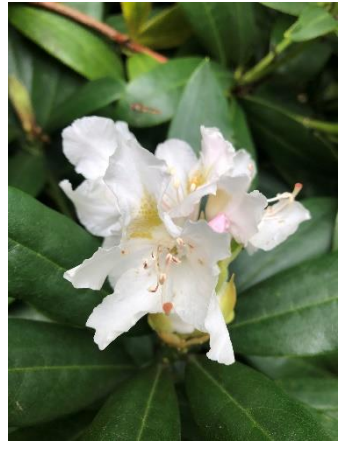
Arrived at St Cuthbert's Bedlington on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage. 950 years since Cuthbert's relics rested here when they were temporarily removed from Durham Cathedral for sanctuary following the Norman Conquest. The current St Cuthbert's is on the site of the Saxon Church.



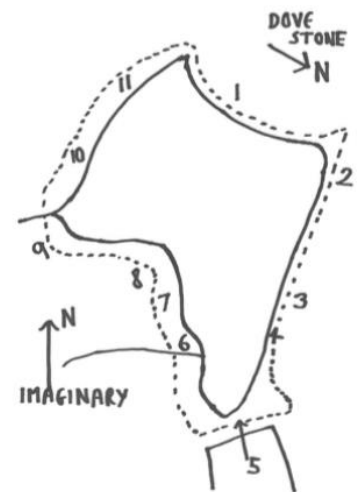
Day seventy nine

17th august 4.58 miles

Spiritually walking to Alnmouth Friary and physically walking to Hurst Cemetery again on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage as I pray for C being laid to rest today and all her family. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.



Good to walk and pray this afternoon on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage around Dovestones Reservoir with Buddy and his mum and dad too – Revd Penny Warner and Revd David Warner. Vicar's at Stalybridge and Mossley. We used David's abridged version of Revd Roger Dixon's imaginative prayer walk around Dovestones imagining it as Lake Galilee.



1st Station- Bethsaida Matthew 11:20-24.



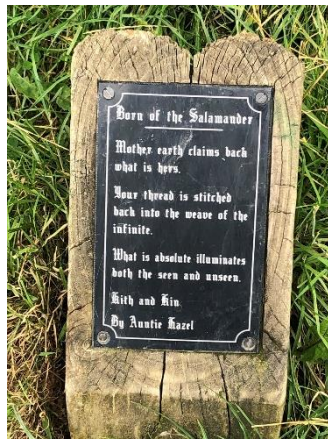
Take my life & let it be consecrated, Lord to Thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store: take myself, and I will be ever, only, all, for Thee. Amen.



2nd Station - Tel Hadar. Mark 6:30-44.

We thank you, Heavenly Father, for your grace and generosity. Thank you that, in your great love and mercy, you provide for our needs, whether physical or spiritual. May we never forget to show our gratitude, in our worship, and in other ways. May we, also, seek to follow your example, by being both loving and generous in our giving; and may it all be for your sake and to your glory. Amen.



3rd Station - Kursi. Mark 5:1-20.

Lord, today, there are groups in our society, who are treated as outcasts. We ask for wisdom and discernment, that we may recognise human-made barriers. We ask you to deal with our personal fears and prejudices, and those present in society as a whole. Give us courage, where we need to challenge others, and love where we need to welcome others. Finally, in your love and mercy, grant both healing and reconciliation. Amen.



4th Station - Ein Gev. Isaiah 11:6-9.

God of the nations, whose kingdom rules over all, have mercy on our broken and divided world. We particularly pray for the nations of the Middle East. In your love, send peace upon earth, so that the nations may no longer prepare for war and destruction, but for peaceful co-existence and understanding. Amen.



5th Station – Yardenit. Matthew 3:1-6, 11

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptised in the river Jordan; we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse us and revive us. Bless the water of Baptism, so that those who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection. Send your Holy Spirit upon them, and all the baptised, that we may grow in faith and love. We pray all this for your sake, and to your glory. Amen.



6th Station – Tiberias. 1 Timothy 2:1-3

God and Father of us all, graciously bless this, our nation, and send out your light, and your truth, to lead us in the paths of justice and peace. Give wisdom to those who exercise authority in the government of our land; remove all causes of hatred and division among us; unite us in the service of your kingdom; and make us a God-fearing people, respecting your laws and living together in friendship and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



7th Station - Magdala. Luke 8:1-3

Almighty God, whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body, and called her to be a witness to his resurrection: forgive us and heal us by your grace, that we may serve you in the power of his risen life; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



8th Station – Mount of Beatitudes. Matthew 5:1-11

Father, we thank you for the wonderful teaching of Jesus, especially today his Sermon on the Mount. Thank you that his teaching is recorded for us in the New Testament. Help us to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest Jesus' teaching, so that we are equipped to stand firm against the contrary teachings, so readily accepted in our society. We pray this for your sake, and to your glory. Amen.



9th Station – Path Down to Lake Galilee. Luke 8:4-8, 11-15

Grant us your wisdom and guidance, Lord, that we may know how best we can be “spiritual gardeners”, or sowers of the seed. Guide us towards those people whom we can help. Equip and empower us, by your Spirit, that others may grow in faith, and your church grow in strength. We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen.



10th Station - Tagbha John 21:1-14

We give thanks, O God our Father, for the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord from the dead: for his victory over sin and the grave; for his risen presence in our daily lives; for his promise of life immortal with him. Accept our praise, and teach us day by day to rejoice, and live, in the faith of him who died for us, and rose again, and is alive for evermore, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.



11th Station – Capernaum. Mark 2:1-12

Father, we thank you for the love and power which we see in both Jesus' miracles and his teaching. We thank you for the wonderful way in which he discerned, and then dealt with, people's particular needs. Remember in mercy, our Father, those who are passing through illness, and especially those of whom we are now thinking, in our prayers....Bless all that is being done for their good, and surround them with your healing love and power, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.



Thank you to my companions Buddy, Revd Penny Warner, Revd David Warner today for their company, prayerful support & laughter on the journey. 4.58 miles further on the journey to Alnmouth Friary.



Day eighty 18th august 0 miles

Today was Jacqui Gaskell's Funeral and so I didn't walk. Praying in thanksgiving for Jacqui.

Day eighty one 19th august 2.53 miles

A short walk on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage today around Heyside as I spiritually make my way to Alnmouth Friary. Driving to my parents I often see these beautiful wild flowers so I drove here today and walked and prayed around the area so I could contemplate them for a while.



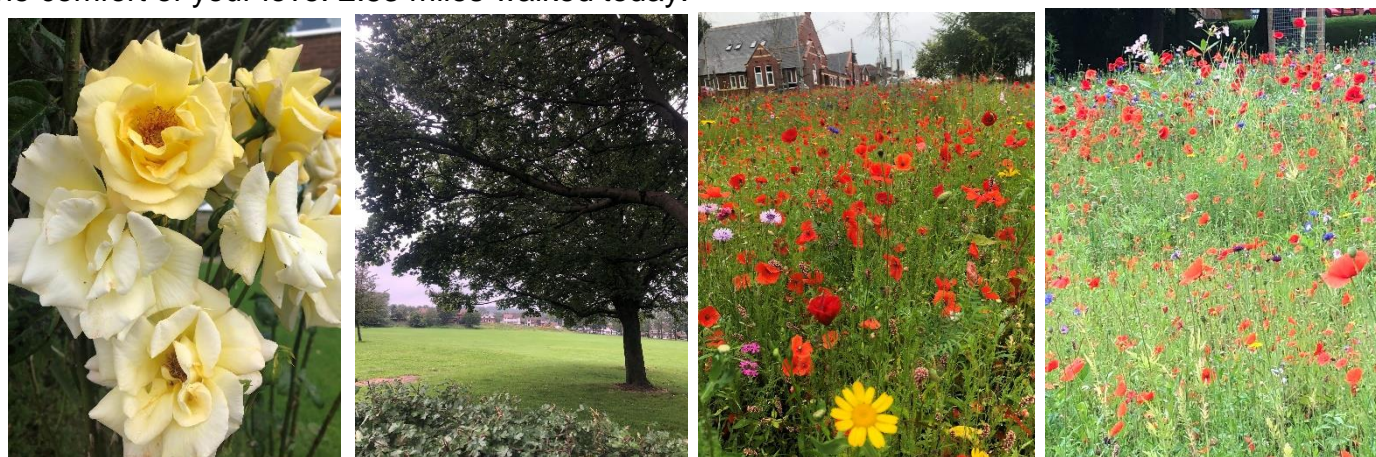
Walking by the Quaker burial ground that I didn't know was there. A quiet oasis off a busy road. Praying for all those whose funerals I've conducted over the last few days. Praying for those who mourn them, and those who couldn't attend the funerals.



Walking by Dr Kershaw's Hospice. Praying for all the staff, volunteers, spiritual care team. Praying for the patients and their families.



Praying for those whose anniversary of death falls today-especially for Mick Galt and Ben Fitchett. Praying for Audrey and family and Sarah, Peter, Sam and family. Lord, bless all who mourn with the comfort of your love. 2.53 miles walked today.



Day eighty two 20th august 6.02 miles

Early start on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage, spiritually on the way to Alnmouth Friary and physically I've returned to Dovestone Reservoir. The sun rose at 6 this morning but it took a lot longer to rise over the hill. A beautiful light as the landscape begins to regain its colour



The sun is just about climbing over the hill on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage. Praying for the Franciscan brothers at Alnmouth. Praying with parts the Canticle of the Sun – A prayer of St Francis.

“Praised be You, my Lord, with all your creatures;
especially Brother Sun, who is the day, and through whom You give us light...”.



“...And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour,
and bears a likeness to You, Most High One.”

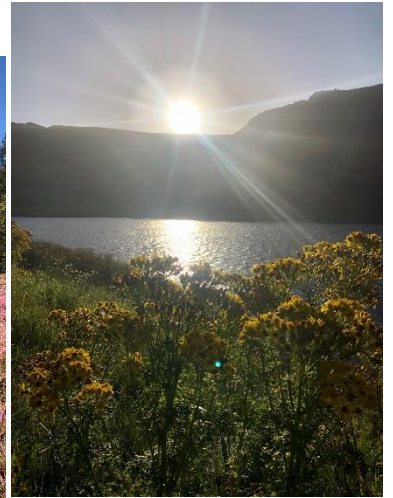


It was a bright and very breezy start to the day.

“... Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind, and through the air, cloudy and serene and every kind of weather through which You give sustenance to Your creatures...”



“... Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water,
which is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.”



“... Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom You light the night;
and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong...”



“... Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Mother Earth, who sustains us and governs us
and who produces varied fruits with coloured flowers and herbs...”



Praying for all in our congregation who are ill at home or in hospital.

"Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love, and bear infirmity and tribulation. Blessed are those who endure in peace for by You, Most High, they shall be crowned"



Praying those who have died recently...

"Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no one living can escape...Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will, for the second death shall do them no harm."



Prayed for all receiving exam results today on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage and all who support them. Giving thanks for time of prayer amidst such beauty. "... Praise and bless my Lord, and give Him thanks, and serve Him with great humility. Amen". 6.02 miles walked today.



Day eighty three 21st august 5.01 miles

A blustery walk around Hollingworth Lake on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage praying for those to be ordained Deacon in Manchester Cathedral by The Bishop of Manchester, The Right Revd David Walker on 23 September – Admos Chimhowu, Robert Eloff, Jo Jarrett, Adam Roberston and Farid Yasini and for their families, training incumbents and parishes they will serve.



Praying for those to be ordained Deacon at Bolton Le Moors, St Peter with St Philip by the Bishop of Bolton, The Right Revd Mark Ashcroft on 23 September – Debbie Clarke, Ian Fleming, Nicola Gillard and Layfetta Masih and for their families, training incumbents and parishes they will serve.



Praying for those to be ordained Deacon in Oldham Parish Church by The Bishop of Middleton, The Right Reverend Mark Davies on 23 September- Adele Bridle, Scott Richardson, Matt Sanderson and Amy Sheridan and for their families, training incumbents and parishes they will serve.



Praying for those to be ordained Priest in Manchester Cathedral by The Bishop of Manchester, The Right Revd David Walker on 4 October- Cate Allison, Andrew Bennison, Richard Criddle, Steven Hilton, Daniel Mullaney, Will Rubie, Carol Schofield and Tom Studman and for their families, training incumbents and parishes they serve.



Praying those to be ordained Priest at Bolton Le Moors, St Peter with St Philip by the Bishop of Bolton, The Right Revd Mark Ashcroft on 4 October – Leila Allen, Nicola Butterworth, Clive Hamilton, Ian Hepburn, Adele McKie, Michele Ryan and for their families, training incumbents and parishes they serve.



Praying those to be ordained Priest in Oldham Parish Church by The Bishop of Middleton, The Right Reverend Mark Davies on 4 October – Dave Griffiths, Fran Griffiths, Cath Hewison, Richard Lambert and Chris Steel and for their families, training incumbents and parishes they will serve



Praying for the retreat conductors-The Canon Phil Stone and The Revd Canon Dr Sue Penfold and the ordaining Bishops The Right Revd David Walker, The Right Revd Mark Ashcroft and The Right Reverend Mark Davies. Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire& lighten with celestial fire; thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart. Amen. [Wind on the lake](#)

Day eighty four 22nd august 0 miles

At the end of Week 12 I have walked 272.23 miles. Only another 2.87 miles until I reach Alnmouth Friary. After that there is Holy Trinity Embleton,, St Aidan's Bamburgh and then Lindisfarne. 37.07 miles to go. The walking will end on St Aidan's Day and I will hopefully walk across the Pilgrim Posts to reach the island! Please pray for me as I walk this final week and 2 days.