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hurst virtual pilgrimage to lindisfarne week 13



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

week 13 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 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. I walked a total of 24.44 miles bringing the total walked to 272.23 miles.

I started last week spiritually walking towards St Cuthbert's Bedlington, after arriving there I began the journey to Alnmouth Friary which at the end of the week was 2.87 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 Alnmouth Friary, and continue the journey to Holy Trinity Embleton St Aidan's Bamburgh and then the final leg of the journey both physically and spiritually to Lindisfarne.

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. We are nearly there!

hurst virtual pilgrimage prayer

Hurst Virtual Pilgrimage Prayer

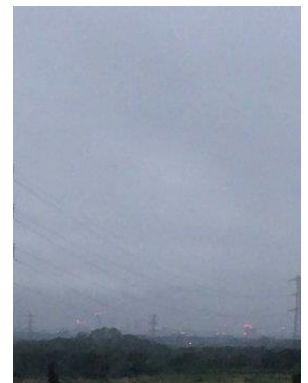


**Be by my side Creator God,
Every step I take,
Be before me Saviour God,
Every step I take,
Be behind me Merciful God,
Every step I take,
Be within me Strengthening God
Every step I take.**

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

day eight five 23RD august 5.08 miles

A foggy, dark, damp and drizzly start to the day on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage as we begin week 13 spiritually on the way to Alnmouth Friary and physically down Lees Rd/Lees Rd and the lanes round about. You can just about see Manchester through fog... Praying for the community at Alnmouth Friary.



We seem to have lost Hartshead Pike in the fog today. Praying for the congregation preparing to worship this morning with St John's this morning either in church or at home - giving thanks for their faithfulness.



The cock crowing on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage to herald the new day [Cock crowing](#)

Praying for those in our congregation who are in hospital at this time, those awaiting tests and those waiting for operations. 5.08 miles walked today meaning I've reached Alnmouth Friary!



So pleased to have arrived at Alnmouth Friary on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage. Praying for the community here and for their ministry of hospitality. Before I moved to St John's I enjoyed the hospitality of the Brothers, and the place, when on retreat preparing for my move. Thankful.



Huge thanks to Br Michael Christoffer SSF for the [welcome](#) to Alnmouth Friary and beautiful prayers on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage on behalf of the community. On the way to Holy Trinity Embleton and to my friend The Revd Alison Hardy - now only 6.79 miles away.

Day eighty six
st Bartholmew

24th august 7.32 miles

An incredible sunrise as I drove over to Watergrove Reservoir to walk on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage - a shame I wasn't able to get photos. Spiritually I am on the way to Holy Trinity Embleton. Praying for The Revd Alison Hardy and the churches in the Embleton Benefice that she serves.



Incredible views over Rochdale as I begin to walk around Watergrove reservoir. Praying for all at Embleton Benefice & Revd Alison as they take careful steps back into their buildings for worship and work out how best to continue to offer an online worship and prayer presence.



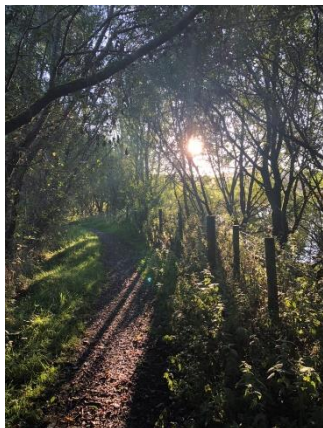
On #HurstVirtualPilgrimage giving thanks for the faith & commitment of God's people in the Embleton Benefice and asking God to give them wisdom, imagination and courage as they look forward to the future and outward into their communities.



Praying for Revd Alison Hardy and Embleton Benefice that they may respond gladly to the challenges of the Newcastle Diocesan vision of GROWING CHURCH BRINGING HOPE. Looking forward to arriving in Embleton.



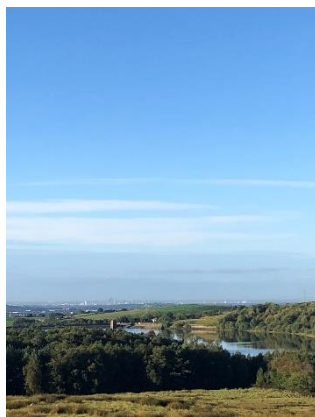
A number of possible paths to take - one of them blocked by a fallen tree. Praying for all whose path in life is blocked or frustrated and for all in a time of discernment, that the way might become clear.



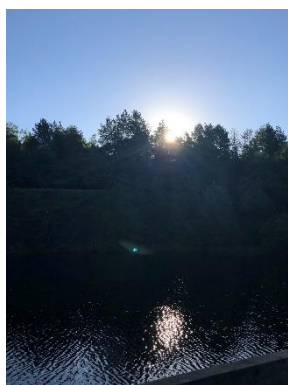
Walking through the sheep's pasture. "Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture."



There is something joyful about being on a hill- "you shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; The mountains and the hills will break forth before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands." Isaiah 55:12



Feeling physically tired on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage but uplifted knowing I am closer to the ultimate destination on the pilgrimage. Praying this final week may continue to be a blessing to me and others.





So good to arrive at Holy Trinity Embleton after walking another 7.32 miles today. I've physically visited before when I came to see my friend, the wonderful Revd Alison Hardy be installed as Vicar of Embleton with Rennington & Rock- picture below!



Thank you to Revd Alison Hardy for the wonderful message of [welcome and support](#) on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage for her prayers today and throughout this pilgrimage. Next stop St Aidan's Bamburgh 8.67 miles away and 24.67 miles from Lindisfarne!

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 in the Milan Duomo. Bartholomew is often pictured with a knife 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 seven 25th august 5.04 miles

Believing the weather forecast I didn't think I'd walk today on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage but I've just physically walked from home, along the Ashton to Oldham Greenway, along Alt Lane and back. Spiritually on my way to St Aidan's Bamburgh. Praying for them and their Vicar, Revd Louise Taylor Kenyon.



As I draw nearer to the end of #HurstVirtualPilgrimage I've been looking back reflecting on how far I've come. Giving thanks and praying for those places I've visited – Revds David and Penny Warner, Fr David's [blessing](#). The Parish of Mossley, Revd Canon Sharon Jones, Parish of Saddleworth, Revd Canon Rachel Firth (click [here for her message](#)) Huddersfield Parish Church and the Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield.

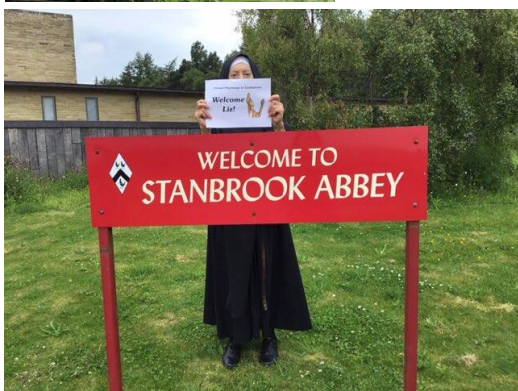


Hartshead Pike is visible again today on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage. Giving thanks and praying for those places and people who have welcomed me on this pilgrimage as I near Lindisfarne- The Very Revd Simon Cowling at Wakefield Cathedral(welcome [here](#)) Fr Robert Hart at St Helen's Hemsworth, The Most Revd Stephen Cottrell (welcome and prayer [here](#)) The Revd Canon Vicky Johnson at York Minster (welcome [here](#).)





Giving thanks & praying for people and places that have welcomed me on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage as I near Lindisfarne- Revd Margaret Young at Easingwold (welcome [here](#)), Sr Philippa & the Sisters Stanbrook Abbey, the monks at Ampleforth and The Revd Dr Catherine Reid at St Hilda's Ampleforth



Giving thanks for the people & places that have welcomed me on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage as I reflect on the journey to Lindisfarne - all at St Mary's Lastingham, the Sisters at The Order of the Holy Paraclete Whitby, The Revd Michael Gobbett at St Mary's & St Hilda's Whitby, ([here](#) and [here](#)) and Revd Verity Brown at St Hilda's Hartlepool.





Giving thanks and praying for people and places that have welcomed me on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage as I near Lindisfarne-Mthr Gemma Sampson at St Aidan's Hartlepool, Revd Canon Charlie Allen Durham Cathedral (message [here](#)), Revd Dick Bradshaw at St Peter's Monkwearmouth and Revd Lesley Jones about to take up her role at St Paul's Jarrow.

Giving thanks and praying for people and places that have welcomed me on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage as I near Lindisfarne-The Very Revd Geoff Miller, Dean of Newcastle Cathedral (welcome [here](#)) and all at St Cuthbert's Bedlington, the Community at Alnmouth Friary (welcome [here](#)) and The Revd Alison Hardy (welcome [here](#)) at Holy Trinity Embleton.



Virtual Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne **Welcome Liz!**

A warm Geordie virtual welcome to Newcastle Cathedral
from

Geoff Miller, The Dean

(and by the way a fellow Mancunian!)



I've walked 5.04 miles walked today on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage and am 19.63 miles away from Lindisfarne and 3.63 miles away from the next stop at St Aidan's Bamburgh. 6 days left to walk - Nearly there...!

Day eighty eight 26th august 10.3 miles

An early start on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage today as I head for the Mother Church of the Northern Province York Minster before the final few miles. Strengthened for the journey with the Eucharist. Huge thanks to the Dean of York, The Right Revd Jonathan Frost and The Revd Canon Maggie McLean for welcome, prayer & blessing for the journey.



So good to start today's walk on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage in York Minster in prayer and worship giving thanks for the blessings & challenges of this pilgrimage. These last few miles seem more of a challenge-praying for continued perseverance and strength as I walk these beautiful streets.



Waking on York city walls on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage praying for Archbishop Stephen Cottrell as our new Archbishop of York, for his ministry in this Northern Province and nationally. May the Northern Saints we've met along the way-Cedd, Bede, Hilda, Cuthbert and Aidan inspire and accompany him.



Archbishop Stephen asked our prayer on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage might be for the renewal of the church in our land. That we, as the church, might be formed by God, find new intimacy with God and be sent out into the world to do his work like so many have been on Lindisfarne in the past.



Spent time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at York Oratory. Praying for the Priests and Brothers there, for their ministry and mission in the city alongside their neighbours at York Minster and for their care of the shrine of St Margaret Clitheroe.



The Lord will guide you...and satisfy your needs in parched places...and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt you shall raise up the foundations of many generations. Isaiah 58:11-12



A short drive to Castle Howard. Memories of Sunday School Anniversary singing-Think of a world without any flowers, Think of a world without any trees. Think of a world without any sunshine. Think of a world without any breeze. We thank You, Lord, for flowers & trees & sunshine, We thank You, Lord, and praise Your holy name.



The wild geese take flight. Throughout this pilgrimage I have carried a cross made by the Wild Goose studio. The wild goose is a Celtic symbol of the Holy Spirit. Come Holy Spirit, come. Be with us on our pilgrimage- surprise, disturb and inspire us.



“By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established;
by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.” Proverbs 24:3-4



“a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.” Isaiah 42:3

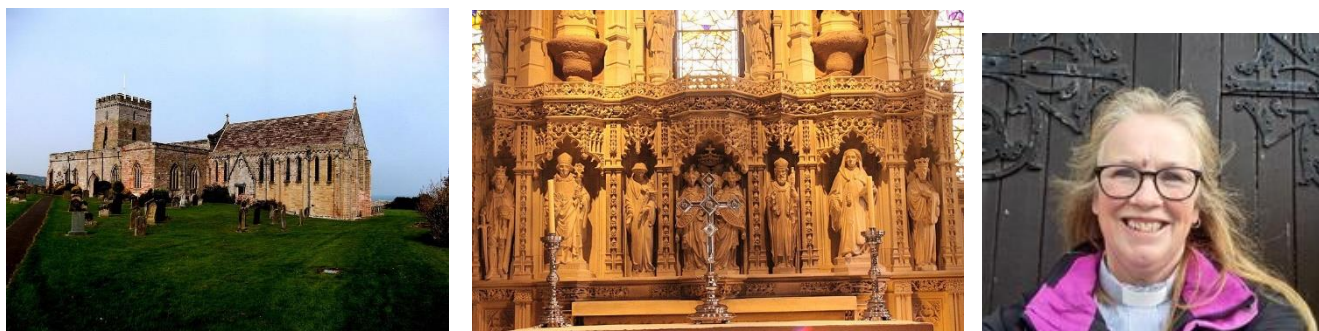
Lord, help us to trust that even when we feel bruised by life we will not be broken and that you will bring forth justice.



A family of swans on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage - praying for families and teachers anxious about returning to school. Walking & praying around York & Castle Howard - a total of 10.3 miles today meaning I'm into single figures left to walk! 9.33 miles to go!



I've arrived at St Aidan's Bamburgh! A place of worship was founded on this site by St Aidan himself in 635. The site of his death is marked here with a simple shrine. Praying for Revd Louise Taylor-Kenyon and all at St Aidan's. Revd Louis has sent a welcome message [here](#).



Welcome to St Aidan's in Bamburgh! We will be celebrating St Aidan's feast day on Sunday at 10am with a Communion service. This is the hymn that will be sung (by one person only) to the tune of 'Sussex': 'Father, hear the prayer we offer.'

Gentle Shepherd, hear our voices
raised to thee in suppliant cry.
Aidan's flock today rejoices,
Let not Aidan's teaching die.

From Iona's sacred wildness,
Lindisfarne's twice hallowed soil
Aidan brings a Christ-like mildness,
Never sparing Christ-like toil.

Ever loving, modest, lowly,
Through earth's way, he passed unstained
Now in death his life most holy,
Has the crown of life attained.

So to him we make our pleading,
Still our shepherd, friend and guide.
May his gentle, kindly leading,
Bring us to our Master's side.

Glory, splendour, power unbending,
be to Him who reigns above,
And through Aidan's prayer ascending,
May we learn his perfect love. *Fr Thomas McGoldrick*



Some words from the Venerable Bede: Book 3, Chapter 17

Aidan was in the king's township, not far from the city of which we have spoken above, at the time when death caused him to quit the body, after he had been bishop sixteen years; for having a church and a chamber in that place, he was wont often to go and stay there, and to make excursions from it to preach in the country round about, which he likewise did at other of the king's townships, having nothing of his own besides his church and a few fields about it. When he was sick they set up a tent for him against the wall at the west end of the church, and so it happened that he breathed his last, leaning against a buttress that was on the outside of the church to strengthen the wall. He died in the seventeenth year of his episcopate, on the 31st of August. His body was thence presently translated to the isle of Lindisfarne, and buried in the cemetery of the brethren. Some time after, when a larger church was built there and dedicated in honour of the blessed prince of the Apostles, his bones were translated thither, and laid on the right side of the altar, with the respect due to so great a prelate.

To find out about the 'Bamburgh Bones' project, with information about the Crypt and the lives of people who lived and worked in Bamburgh at the time of St Aidan, see <https://bamburghbones.org>

Follow our Benefice on <https://www.facebook.com/BeneficeBBL>

With best wishes for your pilgrimage, Revd Louise Taylor-Kenyon

Day eighty nine 27th august 2.01 miles
St Monica

Spiritually I'm now on the final leg of #HurstVirtualPilgrimage to Lindisfarne. Physically I began at Salford Cathedral praying before the Blessed Sacrament and lit a candle for all at St John's before the statue of St John. Praying for Fr Michael Jones and all at Salford Cathedral.



Walking from Salford Cathedral to Manchester. Praying for Bishop John Arnold, Bishop of Salford. Praying for Sacred Trinity Salford and Revd Canon Andy Salmon and all at Sacred Trinity, particularly Marie Pattison, Churchwarden as she prepares to move "home" to Durham for ordination training.



Arrived at Manchester Cathedral, Mother Church of Manchester Diocese. Praying for the Dean The Very Reverend Rogers Govender, The Revd Canon Marcia Wall, The Revd Steven Hilton, The Venerable David Sharples, The Revd Canon David Holgate and all who work, minister and worship there. Giving thanks for the online ministry of the Cathedral.



Praying before the Blessed Sacrament at Manchester Cathedral. Praying for Bishop David, Bishop of Manchester, Bishop Mark, Bishop of Middleton, Bishop Mark, Bishop of Bolton, The Venerable Karen Lund, Archdeacon of Manchester, The Venerable Jean Burgess The Archdeacon of Bolton and Salford and Helen Platts, Chief Operating Officer of the Diocese and all who work at Bishopscourt. I walked 2.01 miles today- 7.32 miles to go!

Saint 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

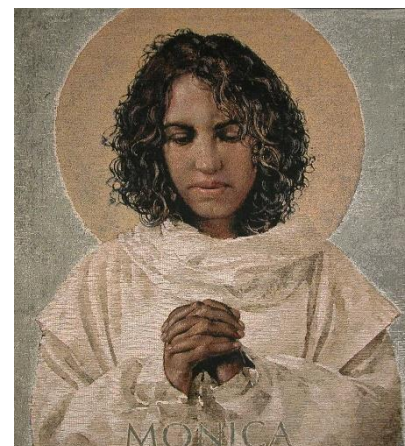
that those who stray from you may be brought to faith

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 2.46 miles st augustine of hippo

Day 90 #HurstVirtualPilgrimage to Lindisfarne. After driving up the A1/M I'm physically as well as spiritually on the Northumberland coastal route on the way to Lindisfarne. Giving thanks for this journey both physical and spiritual. Walked 2.46 miles bringing the total to 304.44miles. 4.86 miles to go out of 309.3 miles!



Thankful to be in
a place where
my heart always
feels to be at
rest in God. Visit
this place, O
Lord, we pray,
and drive far
from it the
snares of the
enemy; may

your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace, and may your blessing be always upon us.

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.



Day ninety one 29th august 5.98 miles

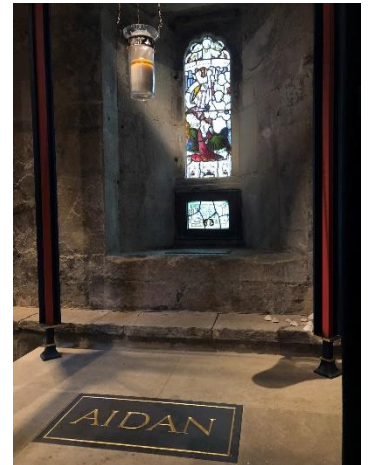
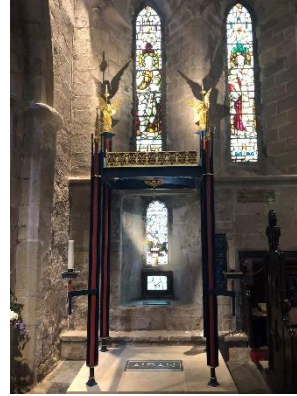
Day 91 of #HurstVirtualPilgrimage to Lindisfarne. End of week 13. Nearly there!

As the sun rose on this new day praying for The Revd Sarah Hills, Vicar of Lindisfarne and the congregation at St Mary's & the community that live and work on Lindisfarne.

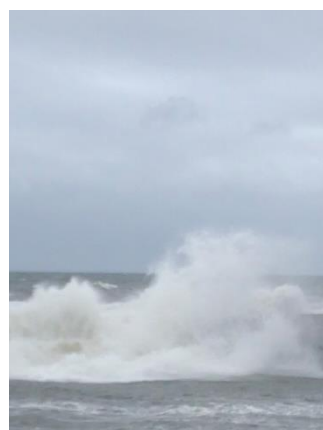


I visited St Aidan's Bamburgh really! I spent time in prayer at the shrine of St Aidan giving thanks for the many blessings of this pilgrimage and

praying for guidance and discernment for St John's as we look to the future.



Moving on to Seahouses on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage. Praying for the work of the Royal National Lifeboat Institute on this coast. Spent time watching the mighty power of the waves crashing on the barrier. "You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them." Ps 98:9



#HurstVirtualPilgrimage “Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves and your billows have gone over me.” Psalm 42:7 Video [here](#)
 Eager now to reach Lindisfarne on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage. I have to wait for the train to pass by.
 “I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope” Psalm 130:5.
 My heart is always cheered and lifted by the sight of the causeway knowing I’ll soon be on this holy place.



5.98 miles walked today and I’ve arrived and walked a little round the island. The sun has come out to greet me! The words on the gate read
 “Do not judge each day by the harvest you reap but the seeds you plant.” Robert Louis Stevenson
 Praying this pilgrimage may have planted seeds that will flourish and grow.



Evening prayer on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage in my favourite place on the island- looking out to Cuthbert's Island. Thankful for the journey that has brought me here and for the people I have met along the way- in person and virtually. Looking forward to celebrating St Aidan tomorrow with the St Mary's Holy Island church family.

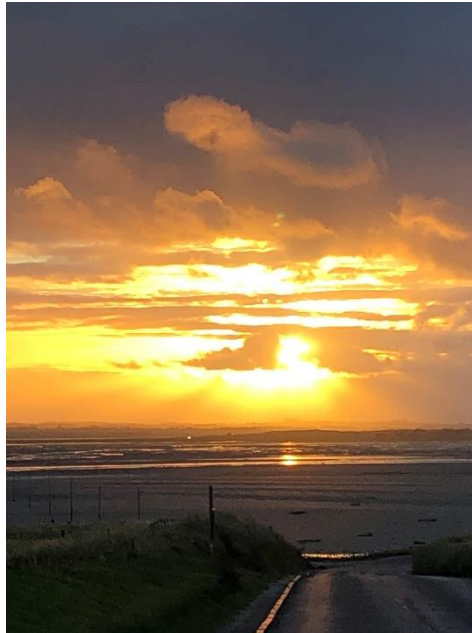
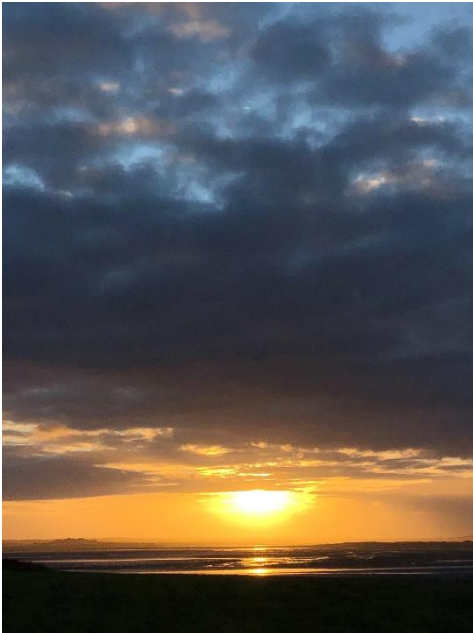




Tomorrow on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage I'll be welcomed to Lindisfarne at the end of this pilgrimage by The Revd Canon Sarah Hills during the Eucharist at St Mary the Virgin Holy Island to celebrate St Aidan, then on St Aidan's day, on Monday 31st August I will walk and pray along the pilgrim posts to the island. T'is good Lord to be here!



Stay with us, O God, this night, so that by your strength we may rise with the new day to rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.



At the end of Week 13 we have reached the goal of our spiritual journey of the heart – Lindisfarne and after walking 310.42 miles I have physically reached this wonderful holy place too. For a quarter of the year we have been making this journey of the heart together as I have physically walked the miles.

On Sunday 30th August I will be officially welcomed to the Island as a pilgrim during the Sunday morning Eucharist to celebrate St Aidan. On Monday 31st August, St Aidan's day I will walk across the sands barefoot to Lindisfarne following the pilgrim posts pictured here.

Please do consider sponsoring the 309 miles walk to raise money for church funds – click [here](#).

Please do continue to pray for me as I prepare to join countless pilgrims down the ages who walked this pilgrim way before. 2 more days to go...

