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Winchester to Canterbury Walking a Prayer for Peace

2016

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13th — 28th August 2016

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Who are these people?

A group of Christians making a walking pilgrimage.

What is a pilgrimage?

A physical journey, usually made to some holy place with the intention of making progress on a spiritual journey. The purpose might be to give praise to God, to do penance, to petition God for some favour, or to ask the intercession of a Saint.

Whose bright idea is this, anyway?

The general answer is that no one knows. Certainly the Israelites took the Ark of the Covenant on pilgrimage to Jerusalem. These pilgrimages were likened to the long trek from slavery in Egypt to Sion, the Promised Land. They can be seen as an anticipation of Christ's journey to Jerusalem for our salvation and so Christ leading us on our earthly pilgrimage towards the heavenly kingdom.

And this pilgrimage?

It is part of our life journey. Geoffrey Chaucer in his Canterbury Tales sums up the proper attitude for making a pilgrimage:

**"Christes lore and his Apostles twelve
he taught, but first he followed it himselfe."**

So by our example of Christian living we are trying to show what the teaching of Christ and his Christian Church actually means today.

Why Winchester to Canterbury?

We wanted to visit these old pilgrim destinations and to make the journey our own. We have found a route that starts and ends on the old Pilgrims Way but takes a more southerly path than the journey this group first made in 1976. We cross some beautiful countryside in Surrey and Kent tracking the watershed of rivers that flow north to the Thames and south to the coast as we make our way to Canterbury cathedral.

Pilgrimage Theme

Our 2016 pilgrimage is offered as a prayer of solidarity and support for those people suffering the effects of conflict or fleeing persecution, praying that the world may become a fairer, safer, and more peaceful place.

Look around you, can you see?

Times are troubled, people grieve.

See the violence, feel the hardness;

All my people, weep with me.

**Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison
(Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy)**

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