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2017

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Who are these people?

A group of Christians making a walking pilgrimage.

What is a pilgrimage?

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What we've discovered, year after year, is the amazing personal and community value of going on a pilgrimage, as our medieval forebears did, where the journey, walking, laughing, sharing, praying, singing, etc. is as important as the destination.

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 himself."***

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

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