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The opposite of this classic perception of the universe is characterised by order.

In between these two areas of the human experience are the teachers, saints and Saviour who have the vital role of balancing the potential rigidity of following just the known with the exploration and exposition of the potential in the unknown. St Hilda's legend probably represents her impact as teacher and spiritual leader in this way.

The simple snake symbol on the wood is for the unknown, the gothic arch surround is for the known order and the cross is for their reconciliation. The resulting Crozier reminds us that 5 bishops were formed in her monastery

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The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton
Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimages,
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Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 6RD

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 as Christ leading us on our earthly pilgrimage towards the heavenly kingdom.

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.

Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimages

Lincoln to Whitby

St Hilda's Pilgrimage

2019

*LINCOLN, Wragby, Ludford, Caister, BRIGG,
North Ferriby, Beverley, Driffield, BRIDLINGTON,
Sherburn, Pickering, Goathland, WHITBY*

10th — 25th August 2019

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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.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Arundel and Brighton annually organises an Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage where up to a hundred pilgrims rediscover the rewards of undertaking the old way of journeying to a holy shrine.

This year is our 45th year of pilgrimage and we are making our way from Lincoln Cathedral to Whitby Abbey, which was founded by St Hilda, and where the Synod of Whitby took place, which was a key event in the Christian history of England. We will start our Pilgrimage at Lincoln Cathedral, then head north and cross the Humber bridge. Key stopping points in Yorkshire include Beverley and Bridlington, both of which have a St John in their history. We will then enter the North York Moors on our way to our final destination of Whitby.

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