

WINCHESTER TO CANTERBURY 2016

ROUTE CARDS

*Apart from their interest and information for each day's walk, these route cards are your life-line in an emergency. **Carry them with you at all times.** (You may want to remove the staple and only carry the sheet you need each day). If you get separated from the main party, the route cards will tell you where we are going and indicate an outline of our route, and may help you locate any public transport, used in conjunction with the alternative transport list. It is a good idea to take a map case with you to keep your route cards in, together with leaflets and postcards etc that you may pick up at churches en route - even if you do not carry a map.*

Timings are correct at time of publication but subject to change

Abbreviations Used on the Route Cards

E - Explorer Map

L - Landranger Map

Summary of Route

			Length, miles	Ascent, ft
Day 1	Sat Aug 13	Induction and Winchester to New Alresford	10.9	700
Day 2	Sun Aug 14	New Alresford to Alton	16.8	1500
Day 3	Mon Aug 15	Alton to Hindhead	15.8	1600
Day 4	Tue Aug 16	Hindhead to Cranleigh	16.8	1300
Day 5	Wed Aug 17	Cranleigh to Horsham	12.7	900
Day 6	Thu Aug 18	Rest Day in Horsham	-	-
Day 7	Fri Aug 19	Horsham to Worth Abbey	12.8	1100
Day 8	Sat Aug 20	Worth Abbey to Forest Row	11.4	1200
Day 9	Sun Aug 21	Forest Row to Tunbridge Wells	12.3	900
Day 10	Mon Aug 22	Rest Day in Tunbridge Wells	-	-
Day 11	Tue Aug 23	Tunbridge Wells to Goudhurst	13.5	1500
Day 12	Wed Aug 24	Goudhurst to Tenterden	15.7	1400
Day 13	Thu Aug 25	Tenterden to Challock	17.5	1400
Day 14	Fri Aug 26	Challock to Canterbury	13.3	1200
Day 15	Sat Aug 27	Celebration Day in Canterbury	-	-
Day 16	Sun Aug 28	Journey Home	-	-
		Totals	169.5	14700

Contacting the pilgrims: An address is given for each hall that we stay in, to help pilgrims joining on that day find the hall. These are not intended to be used as postal addresses for contacting the pilgrims, as we do not know whether anybody will be collecting the mail. So the best way to contact the pilgrims is to use the emergency phone numbers given at the top of each page (but the coverage may be poor in some areas) or the email address at the foot of each page, or via the web site:

www.thepilgrims.org.uk

In emergency contact: John C 07866 971623 or Ceri 07843 055308 or Clare 07977 078889

DAY 1 Saturday August 13 Induction and Winchester to New Alresford 10.9 miles

Theme: Home

Where have you come from? What varied meanings does home hold for you? Perhaps share these thoughts with a fellow pilgrim

Prayer Focus: For those we leave behind. For those who cannot be with us. For the leaving and new beginnings.

LEADER: Aidan Simons

Maps: L185 or E132

We gather in Winchester for registration then, via a pub for lunch, we head to the cathedral for our induction service. Our afternoon walk takes a surprisingly easy and pleasant route out of the city by following the River Itchen. We head along parts of the St Swithun's Way and Itchen Way taking in some historic pilgrim churches and the Victorian Gothic church of St Mary at Itchen Stoke which is Grade II listed. Note that in Alresford we will be staying in 2 halls.

Time	Miles	Location	Grid Ref
		<i>Rise time and breakfast time will be announced the night before.</i>	
10:30 - 11:45	0	REGISTRATION: St Peter's RC Pastoral Centre, SO23 8RY	SU481297
11:50 - 12:50	0.2	LUNCH: The Old Vine, Winchester, SO23 9HA	SU481294
13:00 - 14:00	0.3	INDUCTION SERVICE: Winchester Cathedral	SU482293
15:20 - 15:25	4	DIY PRAYERS: St Mary, Easton	SU509323
15:50 - 16:10	4.8	PRAYERS: St Swithun, Marytr Worthy	SU516328
16:40 - 16:45	6.2	DIY PRAYERS: St John the Baptist, Itchen Abbas	SU535327
17:40 - 17:45	8.4	DIY PRAYERS: St Mary, Itchen Stoke	SU559324
18:45	10.9	ARRIVE: St Gregory the Great Church Hall, Alresford, SO24 9HD	SU587324

About the lunch pub: The Old Vine is a Grade II listed building on the edge of the green at the front of the cathedral. No arrangement has been made for pilgrims to eat their own food in this pub.

Addresses

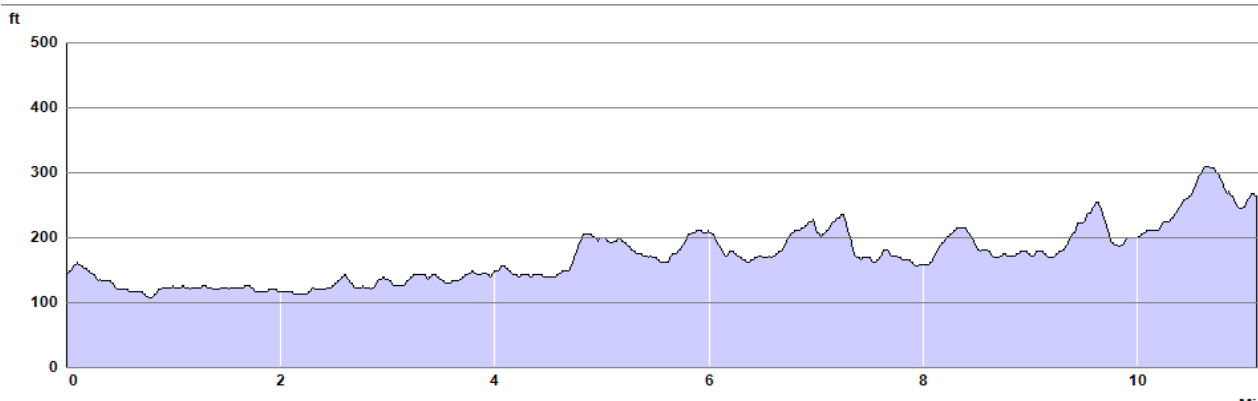
Induction: Hampshire Downs Pastoral Centre, St.Peter's Church, Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8RY

Lunch: The Old Vine, 8 Great Minster St, Winchester SO23 9HA

Hall 1: St Gregory the Great Church Hall, 1 Grange Road, New Alresford, Hants, SO24 9HD

Hall 2: John Pearson Hall, St John the Baptist, West Street, New Alresford, Hants, SO24 9AG

A&B Pilgrimage History : Today is very similar to a reversal of the last day of the 2005 Canterbury to Winchester pilgrimage.



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DAY 2

Sunday August 14

New Alresford to Alton

16.8 miles

Theme: Home

What comforts of home are you grateful for? Is there anything about home you are sorry about or for? What does it feel like to be leaving home?

Prayer Focus: For those who have mothered us in whatever way. For those who are in need of familial love.

LEADER: Mike Gamble

Maps: L185,L186 or E132,E144

We head north from Alresford, briefly rejoining the River Alre, to visit the Grade 2 listed church, that was built 130 years ago by the owners of the nearby English Heritage Site, The Grange. It's then a very short walk to our lunch stop in the smallest hamlet in England, Totford. After lunch, we head due east and follow an old ox drove track to Upper Wield, through an award winning English sparkling wine vineyard to Medstead, before taking a fairly direct route to Alton taking in Alton Abbey, an Anglican Benedictine Monastery.

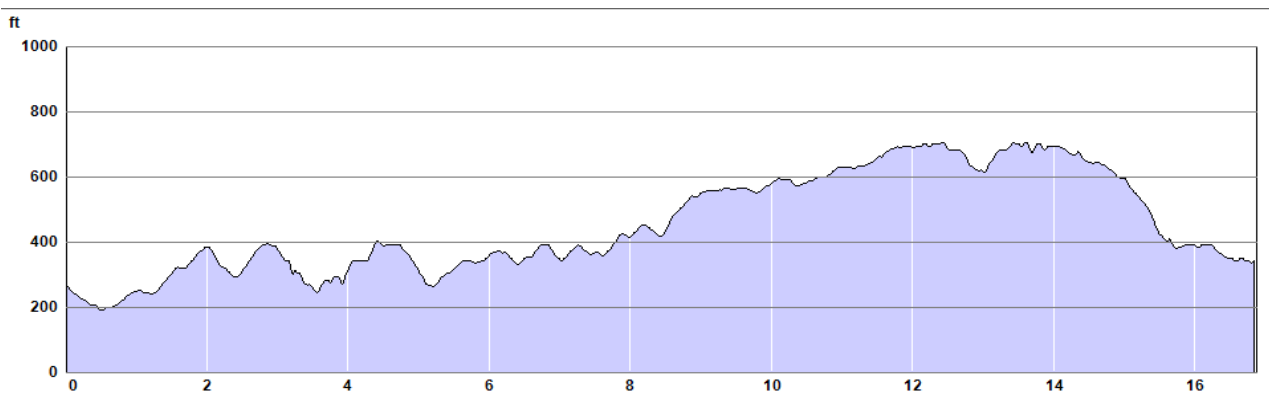
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		<i>Rise time and breakfast time will be announced the night before.</i>	
08:00 - 08:45	(0.3)	ANGLICAN COMMUNION: (St John the Baptist, Alresford)	SU588326
09:10	0	DEPART: St Gregory the Great Church Hall, Alresford, SO24 9HD	SU587324
09:15 - 10:15	0	MASS: St Gregory the Great RC Church, Alresford	SU587324
12:00 - 12:20	4.1	PRAYERS: St John the Evangelist, Northington	SU564374
12:45 - 13:45	5.1	LUNCH: The Woolpack Inn, Totford, SO24 9TJ	SU571380
15:30 - 15:35	9.3	DIY PRAYERS: St James, Upper Wield	SU629387
16:30 - 16:35	11.6	DIY PRAYERS: St Andrew, Medstead	SU655372
17:25 - 17:45	13.6	PRAYERS: Alton Abbey, GU34 4AP	SU676378
18:55	16.8	ARRIVE: Alton Community Centre, GU34 1HN	SU717394

About the lunch pub: We do not have permission to eat our own rolls at the pub. The church at Northington would be a good spot for that.

Addresses

Lunch: The Woolpack Inn, Totford, nr Northington, Alresford, Hants, SO24 9TJ
Hall: Alton Community Centre, Amery Street, Alton, Hants, GU34 1HN

A&B Pilgrimage History: The penultimate day of the 2005 pilgrimage was from Alton to Alresford, but via a route south of the A31 while we go north of it this time. We stayed in Medstead, in the convent, on the 1976 Arundel to Winchester to Canterbury pilgrimage. We walked longer distances in those days, having walked from Winchester that day.



DAY 3

Monday August 15

Alton to Hindhead

15.8 miles

Theme: Exile

Are you or is anyone known to you stateless or exiled from their home country? Have you experienced any other form of exile? What varied meanings does exile have for you?

Country Focus: **Syria**

LEADER: Ceri Potts, Mary Fuller and Gill Henderson

Maps: L186 or E144,E133

At 15.3 miles today is one of this year's longer days but it is a lovely, varied day's walk. Starting from Alton take care crossing the fast A31 dual carriage way but thereafter there is easy walking as we follow the Hangars Way across open agricultural land to the village of East Worldham. We then follow local footpaths through Binswood and Shortheath Common crossing a disused railway line to reach our lunch stop at Kingsley which is an ideal halfway stopping point. In the afternoon we use local footpaths through a mix of agricultural land and woodland to reach the village of Headley for afternoon prayers. Again, care is needed as we cross the A325 at Sleaford traffic lights. The best part of the walking day is at the end as we climb through the vast heathland of Ludshott Common and approach Grayshott via Waggoners Wells, a series of large ponds linked by streams and waterfalls which was acquired for the National Trust in memory of its founder, Sir Robert Hunter. When we leave the footpath it is just a short stretch along the high street to reach Grayshott village hall where we are staying.

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		<i>Rise time and breakfast time will be announced the night before.</i>	
08:45	0	DEPART: Alton Community Centre, GU34 1HN	SU717394
09:00 - 10:00	0.4	PILGRIM EUCHARIST: All Saints, Alton	SU7174390
11:15 - 11:35	3.5	PRAYERS: St Mary the Virgin, East Worldham	SU751381
12:20 - 12:25	5.4	DIY PRAYERS: St Mary Magdalene, Oakhanger	SU770363
13:10 - 14:10	7.4	LUNCH: Cricketers Arms, Kingsley, GU35 9ND	SU788382
14:15 - 14:35	7.4	PRAYERS: All Saints, Kingsley	SU789382
16:00 - 16:20	10.9	PRAYERS: St James, Headley	SU822363
18:20 - 18:25	15.4	DIY PRAYERS: St Luke, Grayshott	SU872354
18:35	15.8	ARRIVE: Grayshott & Hindhead Village Hall, GU26 6TZ	SU878353

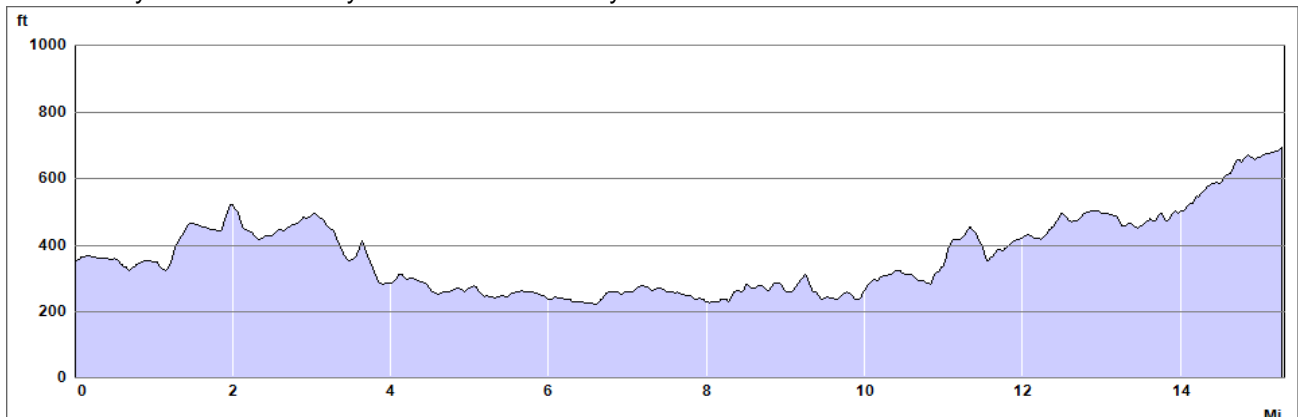
About the lunch pub: The Cricketers Arms is a simple country pub serving traditional home-cooked pub food and a selection of real ales. The pub is opening especially for us and the landlord is happy that we eat our pilgrim rolls in the two gardens which have outdoor seating.

Addresses

Lunch: The Cricketers Inn, Main Road, Kingsley, Bordon, GU35 9ND

Hall: Grayshott & Hindhead Institute & Village Hall, Headley Road, Grayshott, Surrey, GU26 6TZ

A&B Pilgrimage History: Today we are striking a new line across the pilgrimages map. The closest line is the day from the 1986 Bath Pilgrimage which went from Haslemere to Alton, where again we stayed in the Community Centre. That day took a more southerly route.



DAY 4 Tuesday August 16 Hindhead to Cranleigh 16.8 miles

Theme: Exile

What has happened to individuals or families that are in exile? What can be the circumstances of exile? How may the foreigner feel alien or alienated?

Country Focus: **Iraq and Afghanistan**

LEADER: Nick Lamb

Maps: L186,L187 or E133,E134

Today is one of the best walking days this year. After crossing Golden Valley with a couple of stiff climbs along the way we reach Beacon Hill for mass. We then pass above the Devil's Punchbowl and walk part of the old route of the A3 (now diverted to a tunnel way beneath our feet) to reach Gibbet Hill with plenty of views along the way. Having done the high stuff, we take the Devil's leap off Gibbet Hill and head for lower ground with lunch in the large village of Chiddingfold. The pilgrim highlight of the day is the intact 13th century church of St Mary and All Saints and the nearby St Mary's Holy Well, in Dunsfold. Note that in Cranleigh we will be staying in 2 halls.

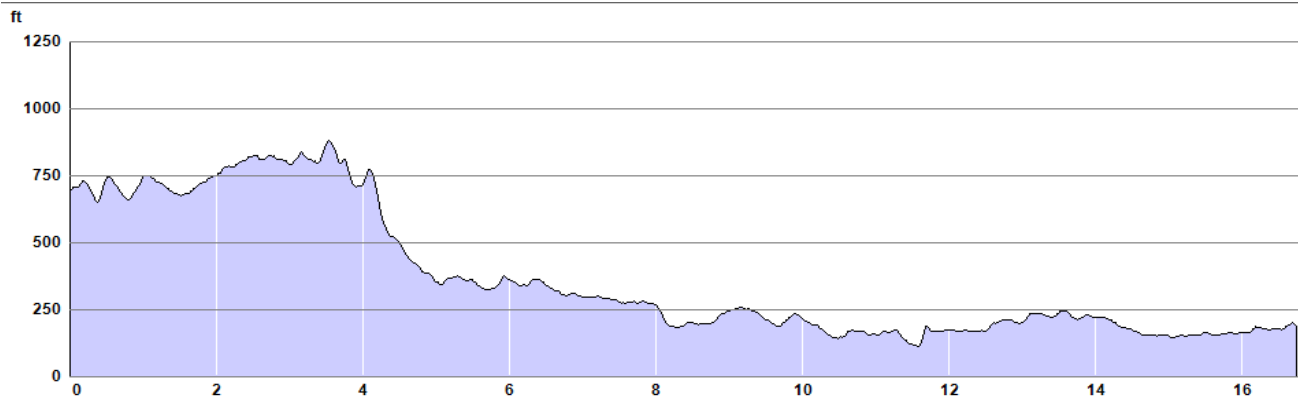
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		<i>Rise time and breakfast time will be announced the night before.</i>	
09:20	0	DEPART: Grayshott & Hindhead Village Hall, GU26 6TZ	SU878353
10:00 - 11:00	1.5	MASS: St Anselm RC, Beacon Hill	SU872366
12:30 - 12:50	5.1	PRAYERS: All Saints, Grayswood	SU917348
14:00 - 15:15	8.3	LUNCH: Choice of Venues, Chiddingfold	SU960354
15:15 - 15:20	8.3	DIY PRAYERS: St Mary, Chiddingfold	SU960354
15:30 - 15:35	8.7	DIY PRAYERS: St Theresa of Avila RC Church, Chiddingfold	SU961359
16:35 - 16:55	11.3	PRAYERS: St Mary & All Saints, Dunsfold	SU998364
17:15 - 17:35	12	PRAYERS: Dunsfold Baptist Church	TQ008362
19:20	16.8	ARRIVE: St Nicolas Church Rooms, Cranleigh, GU6 8AR	TQ060392

About the lunch pub: In Chiddingfold, we have a choice of lunch venues: there are 2 pubs, a tea shop, and the village green to eat our own rolls. The Swan Inn is expecting us and will probably be the more popular pub. It has a garden.

Addresses

Lunch: Central Chiddingfold. The post code of the Swann Inn is GU8 4TY.
 Hall1: St Nicolas Church Rooms, Church Lane, Cranleigh, Surrey, GU6 8AR
 Hall2: Rowley's Community Centre, Victoria Road, Cranleigh, Surrey, GU6 8NT

A&B Pilgrimage History : Another new line across the pilgrimages map! We have stayed in Cranleigh twice before, on the 1985 Birthdays and 1995 Martyrs Pilgrimages but on those 2 occasions we were heading south to north whereas this year we are heading west to east.



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DAY 5

Wednesday August 17

Cranleigh to Horsham

12.7 miles

Theme: Exile

What types of persecution do you see abroad and in this country? What meanings does persecution have for you intellectually; personally?

Country Focus: **Nigeria & Democratic Republic of Congo**

LEADER: Grace, Betsy & Julian Farmer

Maps: L187 or E134

Our first 4 days included the 2nd, 3rd and 5th longest days of our entire pilgrimage, so a shorter day is welcome today, leading in to our rest day. This is also one of the least hilly days (the profile does not have the same vertical scale each day!). We spend most of the morning on the Downs Link disused railway line, before heading across country in the afternoon, passing a 2nd pub in Rowhook, which might tempt some, with no church stops following it and an early finish scheduled, but if you dally there, expect to buy the backmarkers a drink! After that we find ourselves walking along a section of the West Sussex Literary Trail.

Time	Miles	Location	Grid Ref
		<i>Rise time and breakfast time will be announced the night before.</i>	
09:15	0	DEPART: St Nicolas Church Rooms, Cranleigh, GU6 8AR	TQ060392
09:20 - 10:20	0	PILGRIM EUCHARIST: St Nicolas, Cranleigh	TQ060391
12:20 - 13:20	4.6	LUNCH: King's Head, Rudgwick	TQ090343
13:25 - 13:45	4.6	PRAYERS: Holy Trinity, Rudgwick	TQ091343
14:40	6.9	Chequers Inn, Rowhook, RH12 3EB	TQ123341
15:35	9.2	Strood Green	TQ136327
16:55	12.7	ARRIVE: St John the Evangelist RC Church Hall, Horsham, RH12 2PJ	TQ170307

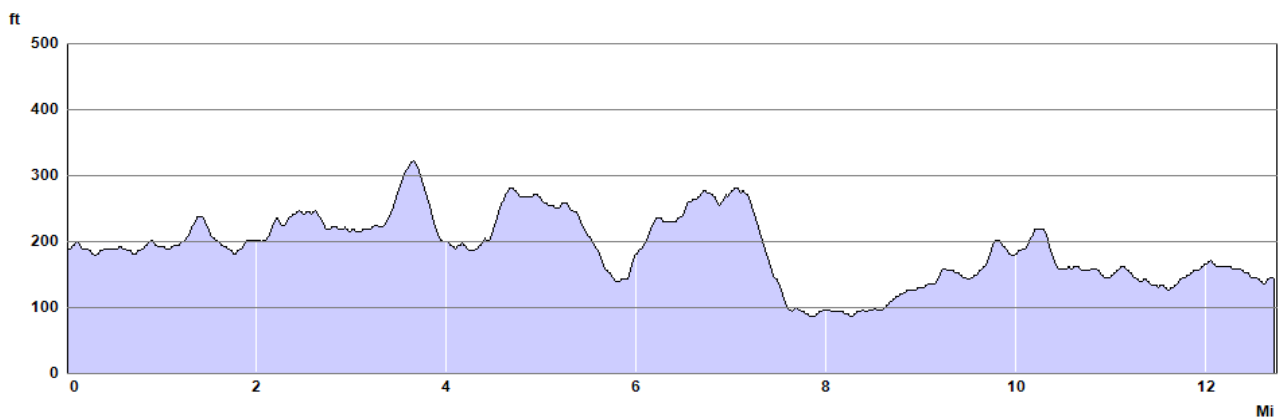
About the lunch pub: The King's Head is a traditional village pub, set next to the parish church. The pub says we may eat our rolls outside, "especially in the graveyard at the back".

Addresses

Lunch: The King's Head, Church St, Rudgwick RH12 3EB

Hall: St John's RC Church Hall, 3 Springfield Road, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 2PJ

A&B Pilgrimage History : We head across more previously uncharted territory today to reach Horsham. We have stayed in the RC Church Hall there before, on the 1977 Walsingham and 1982 Papal Pilgrimages, but it has been demolished and rebuilt since then.



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DAY 6 **Thursday August 18** **Rest Day in Horsham** **0 miles**

On a rest day pilgrims are left largely to their own devices. Listen out for announcements on communal evening activities that might be arranged. There are many things to do and most are within a short distance from the centre. Thursday is market day, and the museum, leisure centre, tourist information office, cinema, theatre, park, circular riverside walk (12.5 miles!), and Warnham nature reserve with its café and visitor centre are all local. A little further out at West Grinstead is the diocesan shrine and Knepp Castle a 5000 acre estate where the animals are left to their own devices.

The leisure centre in Horsham Park is about half a mile from our hall. It features swimming facilities including a heated outdoor pool, moving water channels, bubble beds, a waterfall, geysers and jets, and a corkscrew flume.

More prosaically, the Carousel Laundrette is also around half a mile away in a back street to the west of Horsham Park.

Time	Miles	Location	Grid Ref
10:00 - 11:00	0	<i>Rise time and breakfast time will be announced the night before.</i> PARISH MASS: St John the Evangelist RC, Horsham, RH12 2PJ	TQ170307

Addresses

Lunch: Pilgrims find their own lunch on a rest day.

Hall: St John's RC Church Hall, 3 Springfield Road, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 2PJ

Launderette: Carousel Laundrette, 4 Swindon Road, RH12 2HD ; 01403 264600

Leisure Centre: Pavilions in the Park, Hurst Road, RH12 2DF ; 01403 219200



The hall is in the bottom left hand corner of this map, the Carousel laundrette is shown in the top left corner, and the leisure centre "Pavilions in the Park" is on the right hand edge. The green area is Horsham Park.

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DAY 7 Friday August 19 Horsham to Worth Abbey 12.8 miles

Theme: Desert

Have you ever been to a desert? What was it like? What is your experience of wilderness or wasteland?

Country Focus: **Eritrea & Sudan**

LEADER: Maurice Hickman

Maps: L187 or E134,E135

We start the day by heading along the edge of Horsham Park then make our way out of the town and into St Leonard's Forest, where we pause to pray in Colgate. After lunch in Pease Pottage, we go through Tilgate Forest and Worth Lodge Forest, but crossing through Maidenbower, one of the newer districts of Crawley, between the 2 forests. Crossing the new bridge over the busy road, we arrive at the abbey.

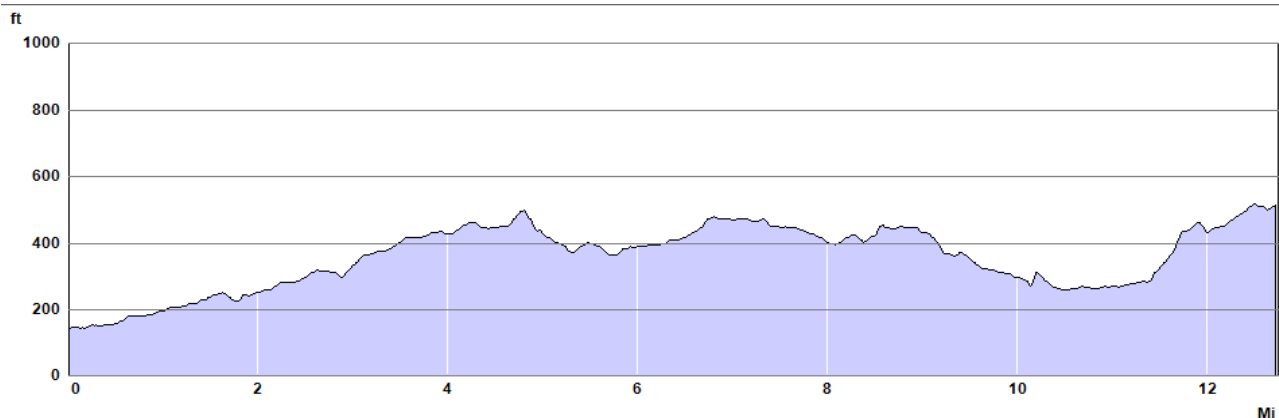
Time	Miles	Location	Grid Ref
		<i>Rise time and breakfast time will be announced the night before.</i>	
08:55	0	DEPART: St John the Evangelist RC Church Hall, Horsham, RH12 2PJ	TQ170307
09:00 - 10:00	0	URC COMMUNION: Horsham United Reformed Church	TQ170307
12:00 - 12:20	4.9	PRAYERS: St Saviour, Colgate	TQ231328
13:15 - 14:15	7.2	LUNCH: The Black Swan, Pease Pottage, RH11 9AJ	TQ260331
15:05	9.4	cross M23	TQ285341
15:45	11.2	cross back over M23	TQ299354
16:30	12.8	ARRIVE: Worth Abbey School, RH10 4SD	TQ318344
17:30 - 18:10	12.8	COMMUNITY MASS: Worth Abbey Church	TQ319343
18:45 - 19:10	12.8	COMMUNITY VESPERS: Worth Abbey Church	TQ319343

About the lunch pub: This is a large pub on the edge of the St Leonard's Forest but also close to Crawley and the M23. The pub will reserve a special room for those having the pub meals but pilgrim rolls must be eaten outside in the garden. For those wishing to join at the pub there is a bus stop nearby.

Addresses

Lunch: The Black Swan, Old Brighton Road, Pease Pottage, RH11 9AJ
Hall: Worth Abbey School, Paddockhurst Road, Turners Hill, West Sussex, RH10 4SD

A&B Pilgrimage History: We venture eastwards from Horsham for the first time ever to reach Worth Abbey, which is the point where this year's route crosses last year's. Last year we had a rest day at Worth Abbey. Previously we had passed through it in 1979 and 1981 but not stayed there.



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DAY 8 Saturday August 20 Worth Abbey to Forest Row 11.4 miles

Theme: Desert

What place do war, drought, deforestation and disease have in the creation and maintaining of desert? What is the life experience of people living in these regions?

Country Focus: **Somalia & Myanmar**

LEADER: Francis O'Sullivan

Maps: L187 or E135

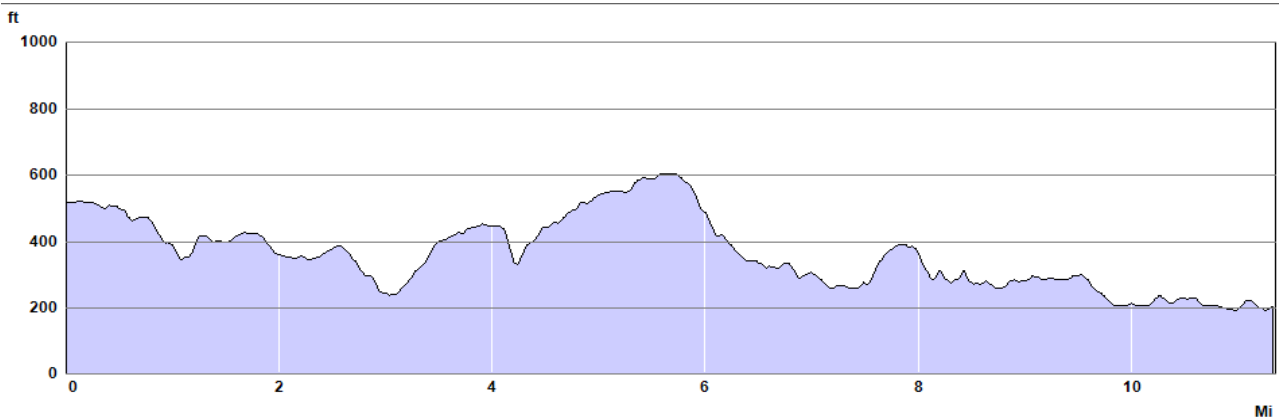
Today's walk takes us through the deep valleys of the High Weald, including Wakehurst Place gardens and Weirwood Reservoir. You may like to linger at some of the waterside viewpoints and our lunch stop at West Hoathly has a museum, the Priest House, once owned by the Tudor monarchs.

Time	Miles	Location	Grid Ref
		<i>Rise time and breakfast time will be announced the night before.</i>	
08:55	0	DEPART: Worth Abbey School, RH10 4SD	TQ318344
09:00 - 10:00	0.1	RC MASS: Worth Abbey Church	TQ319343
11:25	3.6	Wakehurst Place	TQ340316
12:30 - 13:30	5.5	LUNCH: The Cat Inn, West Hoathly, RH19 4PP	TQ363326
13:30 - 13:50	5.5	PRAYERS: St Margaret, West Hoathly	TQ363326
14:55	8.1	Admiral's Bridge Lane	TQ383349
16:30	11.4	ARRIVE: Forest Row Village Hall, RH18 5ES	TQ425352
17:30 - 18:30	11.4	DEPARTED PILGRIMS' MEMORIAL SERVICE WITH ANGLICAN EUCHARIST: Holy Trinity Church, Forest Row	TQ425352

About the lunch pub: The Cat Inn is a 16th century free house, and it is listed in the Good Beer Guide 2016! There is a picture of a dog on its website!

Addresses Lunch: The Cat Inn, North Lane, West Hoathly, RH19 4PP
Hall: Forest Row Village Hall, Lewes Road, Forest Row, East Sussex, RH18 5ES

A&B Pilgrimage History : On the 1979 pilgrimage from Brighton to Arundel via Canterbury, we went through this area in the opposite direction with a day from Forest Row to Haywards Heath via afternoon mass at Worth Abbey. The 1979 and 1985 pilgrimages stayed in Forest Row Village Hall, and the 1995 pilgrimage lunched in Forest Row.



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DAY 9 Sunday August 21 Forest Row to Tunbridge Wells 12.3 miles

Theme: Desert

Sometimes we experience our own life as a wasteland. How does God speak to us in the desert, in the last place we wanted to be?

Country Focus: **Palestinian Territories**

LEADER: Geoff Murray

Maps: L187,L188 or E135

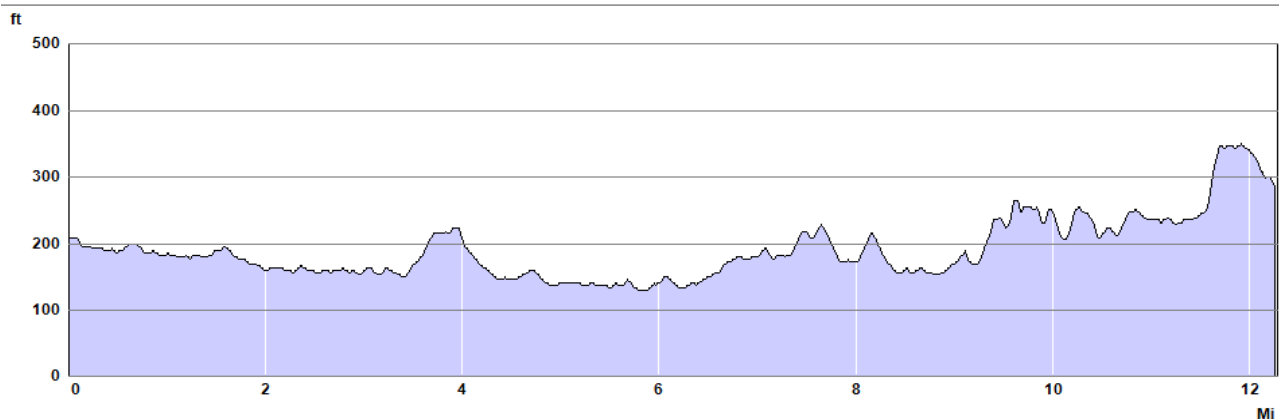
Geoff hopes you will like this walk: the second shortest day and one of the flattest. There is only one hill of any significance, very steep but very short. Last year Geoff took you south of the Ashdown Forest. This year we visit the north side of the Ashdown Forest. We cross parts of the Sussex High Weald associated with President Kennedy, Sid Vicious and Winnie the Pooh. You will pass the site of a Norman fort and a 13thC moated manor. Apart from leaving the hall at Forest Row you will walk on few roads. Even at the end of the walk we only have about 200 yards of road before reaching the centre of Tunbridge Wells and our accommodation. If you have walked enough by lunch you could take a ride on a steam train from Groombridge to Tunbridge Wells. But don't expect to be able to use your Railcard!

Time	Miles	Location	Grid Ref
		<i>Rise time and breakfast time will be announced the night before.</i>	
09:15	0	DEPART: Forest Row Village Hall, RH18 5ES	TQ425352
10:45 - 11:05	3.9	PRAYERS: St Mary the Virgin, Hartfield	TQ479357
12:35 - 13:35	7.9	LUNCH: The Junction Inn, Groombridge, TN3 9RB	TQ531369
13:45 - 14:45	8.2	PILGRIM EUCHARIST: St Thomas the Apostle, Groombridge	TQ532372
15:45 - 15:50	10.6	PRAYERS: High Rocks	TQ558383
16:35	12.3	ARRIVE: King Charles Church Hall, Tunbridge Wells, TN2 5TA	TQ582387
18:30 - 19:00	12.3	EVENING PRAYER: King Charles the Martyr, Tunbridge Wells	TQ582388

About the lunch pub: The Junction Inn was originally a coaching inn and the stable block remains in the garden. You can discreetly eat your sandwiches in the garden but you will be expected to buy a drink at the bar.

Addresses
Lunch: The Junction Inn, Station Road, Groombridge, TN3 9RB
Hall 1: King Charles Church Hall, 3 Warwick Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN2 5TA
Hall 2: Christchurch, High St, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1UT

A&B Pilgrimage History : Tunbridge Wells is a large and splendid town only just outside A&B diocesan territory but the pilgrimage has never been there before! After Forest Row, the only place on today's route where the pilgrimage has been before is Hartfield where we had lunch on day 7, Lingfield to Mayfield, of the very first pilgrimage in 1975!



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DAY 10 Monday August 22 Rest Day in Tunbridge Wells 0 miles

In Georgian times this popular spa town gained a reputation as the place to see and be seen amongst royalty and fashionable members of the aristocracy. The town owes its existence to the chance discovery of the Chalybeate Spring in 1606 by a young nobleman, Dudley Lord North. Lord North felt so rejuvenated from drinking the cool, iron-rich water that he declared the spring water to be health-giving and soon spread the word amongst his aristocratic friends. Tunbridge Wells received recognition of its many royal visitors when King Edward VII granted the town its "Royal" prefix in 1909.

The elegant colonnaded walkway known as the Pantiles has become probably the most well-known view of Tunbridge Wells. Once the playground of the gentry and royalty, the Pantiles remains a pleasant place to browse, shop, eat, drink and stroll. The Pantiles with its many buildings dating from the 18th and 19th centuries is a very attractive and stylish part of Tunbridge Wells. It is home to a fascinating variety of small specialist independent shops, art galleries and open-air cafes, restaurants and bars. The Chalybeate Spring is situated at the northern end of the Pantiles and so is the Tourist Information Centre in the Corn Exchange building, down an arcade.

Today T Wells is a busy vibrant town; the main shopping area is at the top of the hill around the Royal Victoria Place arcade. Visitors to T Wells for the first time might like to visit the Pantiles for quaintness, walk up the High Street past the station to the Royal Victoria Place for everyday shopping and replacing those pilgrim items. Between the station and the main hall, the quaint High Street features a range of boutiques and Christ Church café (our overspill hall).

Time	Miles	Location	Grid Ref
		<i>Rise time and breakfast time will be announced the night before.</i>	
10:00 - 11:00	(0.7)	PARISH MASS: St Augustine RC, Tunbridge Wells	TQ587394

Lunch: Pilgrims find their own lunch on a rest day.

Hall 1: King Charles Church Hall, 3 Warwick Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN2 5TA

Hall 2: Christchurch, High St, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1UT

Laundrette 1: Rusthall Laundrette, 12 High Street, Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 8RW ; 01892 545141 ; Bus 281 from Pantiles

Laundrette 2 (on way to Leisure Centre): St John's Laundrette, 113 St John's Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 9TV ; Buses 77 & 146 from Pantiles or 402 & 442 from the Station

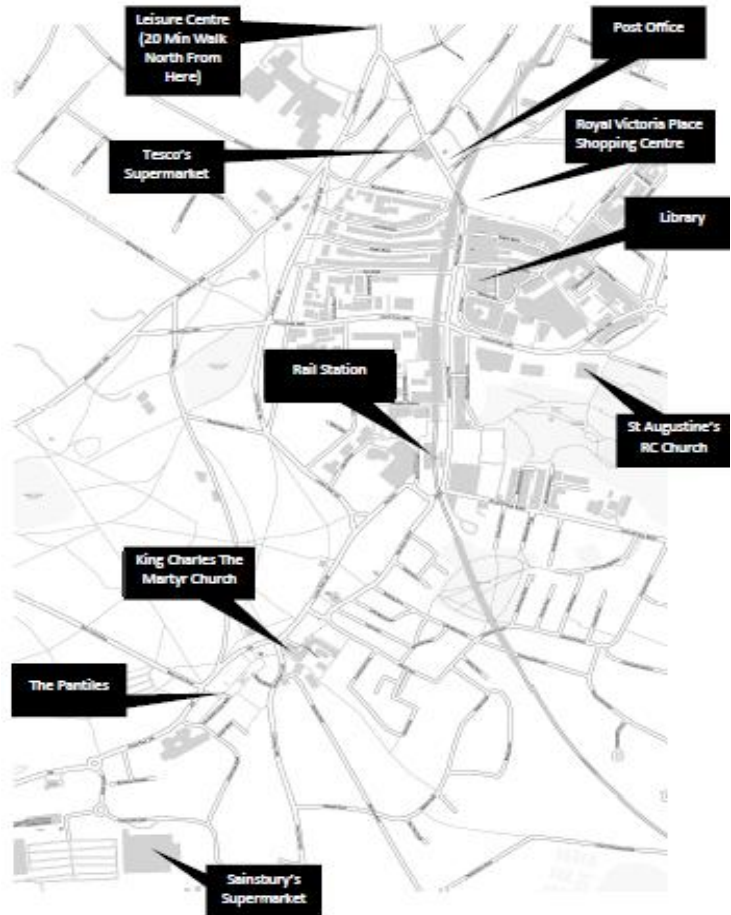
Leisure Centre: Tunbridge Wells Sports Centre, St John's Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 9TX ; 01892 540744 ; Buses 215, 7, 402 & 77 ; swim 06.30am to 3.30pm

Wetherspoon's Pub: , 88 Mount Pleasant Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1RT

Fish & Chips: Marino's, 4 London Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1DQ ; 01892 514008

On the map, the main hall is 150 yds south of King Charles the Martyr Church

The walk to the leisure centre is 1.5 miles uphill from the hall, so bus recommended!



DAY 11 **Tuesday August 23** **Tunbridge Wells to Goudhurst** **13.5 miles**

Theme: Promised Land

Which land did God promise the Israelites? What characteristics did this land have? What is your promised land?

Country Focus: **Turkey & Serbia**

LEADER: Bruce Matheson

Maps: L188 or E136

The High Weald Landscape Trail starts in Horsham, and as its name suggests, follows a scenic route across the High Weald. We walked along stretches of it on days 7 and 8, and today we follow it for most of the day after coming off the Tunbridge Wells Circular Walk. This is a shortish but hilly day. It is a nice mix of lanes, countryside, forest and parkland. Calculating hilliness by dividing height ascended by distance covered, today just about comes out as the hilliest day of the pilgrimage.

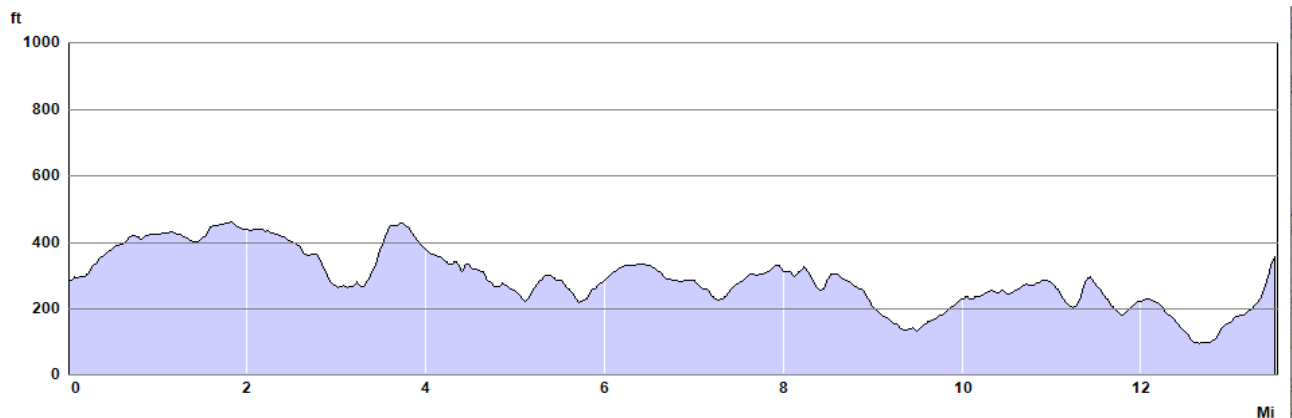
Time	Miles	Location	Grid Ref
08:55	0	DEPART: King Charles Church Hall, Tunbridge Wells, TN2 5TA	TQ582387
09:00 - 10:00	0.1	PILGRIM EUCHARIST: Church of King Charles the Martyr	TQ582388
11:35	3.8	Bridge Over A21	TQ630403
12:45 - 13:45	6.4	LUNCH: The Star Inn, Matfield, TN12 7JR	TQ659419
14:30 - 14:50	8.1	PRAYERS: All Saints, Brenchley	TQ680417
16:20 - 16:50	11.8	PRAYERS: St Margaret, Hormonsden	TQ704381
17:40	13.5	ARRIVE: Goudhurst Village Hall, TN17 1AH	TQ722377

About the lunch pub: The Star Inn is a large 15th Century building. We may not eat our own rolls on the pub premises.

Addresses

Lunch: The Star Inn, Maidstone Road, Matfield, TN12 7JR
Hall 1: Goudhurst Parish Hall, The Plain, Goudhurst, Kent, TN17 1AH
Hall 2: The Church Rooms, Back Lane, Goudhurst, Kent

A&B Pilgrimage History : At no point does today's route cross anywhere that the pilgrimage has been before - does that mean we have finally reached the promised land?



DAY 12 **Wednesday August 24** **Goudhurst to Tenterden** **15.7 miles**

Theme: Promised Land

What do you hope for, for yourself, your family and your community? Perhaps share these thoughts with another pilgrim.

Country Focus: **Italy & Greece**

LEADER: Sue & Fred Adilz

Maps: L188,L189 or E136,E125

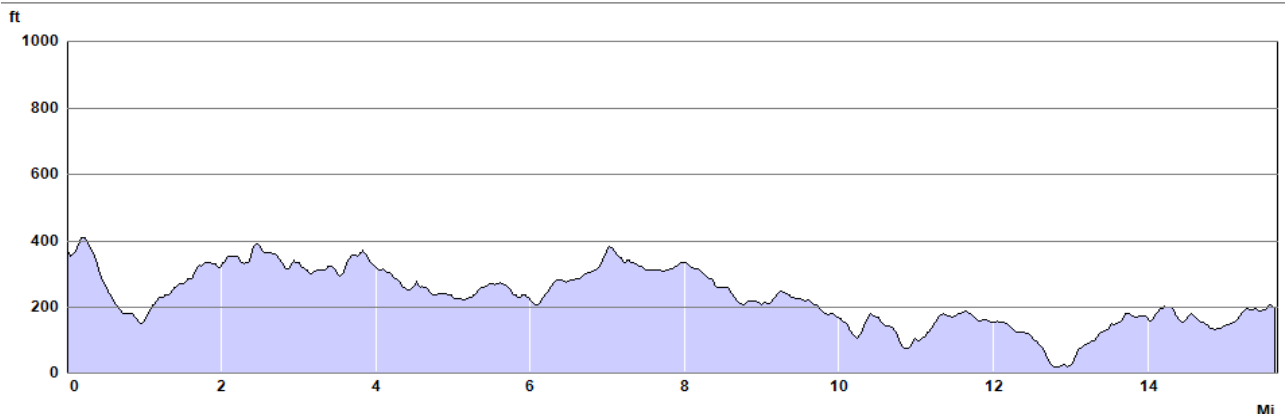
Today's walk continues along the High Weald Landscape Trail in the morning, with short cuts through the historic town of Cranbrook & pretty village of Benenden. After lunch, we take a cross country route to Tenterden and on to St Michael's via a disused railway track. The walk is undulating and scenic, in places, muddy, via farmland and woodland, with many ponds. In Cranbrook we visit churches of St Theodore and St Dunstan's "Cathedral of the Weald". In Benenden we pass a village shop that serves coffee a few hundred yards before our lunch stop. After lunch, we visit St George's, Benenden and St Mildred's in the historic Cinque Port of Tenterden, whose tower can be seen from mid-afternoon. There are public toilets in Cranbrook & Tenterden. 2-hourly bus 297 goes direct from Goudhurst to Tenterden (via Benenden); then buses 2 or 12 1½ miles to St Michael's.

Time	Miles	Location	Grid Ref
		<i>Rise time and breakfast time will be announced the night before.</i>	
08:40	0	DEPART: Goudhurst Village Hall, TN17 1AH	TQ722377
08:50 - 09:50	0.2	PILGRIM EUCHARIST: St Mary, Goudhurst	TQ724378
11:30 - 11:35	4.1	DIY PRAYERS: St Theodore RC, Cranbrook	TQ771358
11:50 - 12:10	4.5	PRAYERS: St Dunstan, Cranbrook	TQ777362
13:30 - 14:30	7.8	LUNCH: The Bull, Benenden, TN17 4DE	TQ810329
14:40 - 15:00	8	PRAYERS: St George, Benenden	TQ808327
17:35 - 17:55	14.2	PRAYERS: St Mildred, Tenterden	TQ884334
18:30	15.7	ARRIVE: St Michael's Village Hall, St Michael's, Tenterden, TN30 6DU	TQ885352

About the lunch pub: The Bull retains an early 17th century look. We have a private room booked. Please do not eat pilgrimage rolls on the premises.

Addresses Lunch: The Bull, The Street, Benenden, TN17 4DE
 Hall: St Michael's Village Hall, Grange Road, St Michael's, Tenterden, Kent, TN30 6DU

A&B Pilgrimage History: As we close in on Canterbury, we start to cross our old routes again. The pilgrimage has not been to Goudhurst or Tenterden before, but on both the 1979 and 1988 Canterbury Pilgrimages we stayed overnight in Benenden, the village where we take lunch today.



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DAY 13 Thursday August 25 Tenterden to Challock 17.5 miles

Theme: Promised Land

Why do refugees come to Europe? What promise does Europe hold? Is this reasonable?

Country Focus: **France**

LEADER: Aidan & Bridget Simons

Maps: L189 or E125, E137

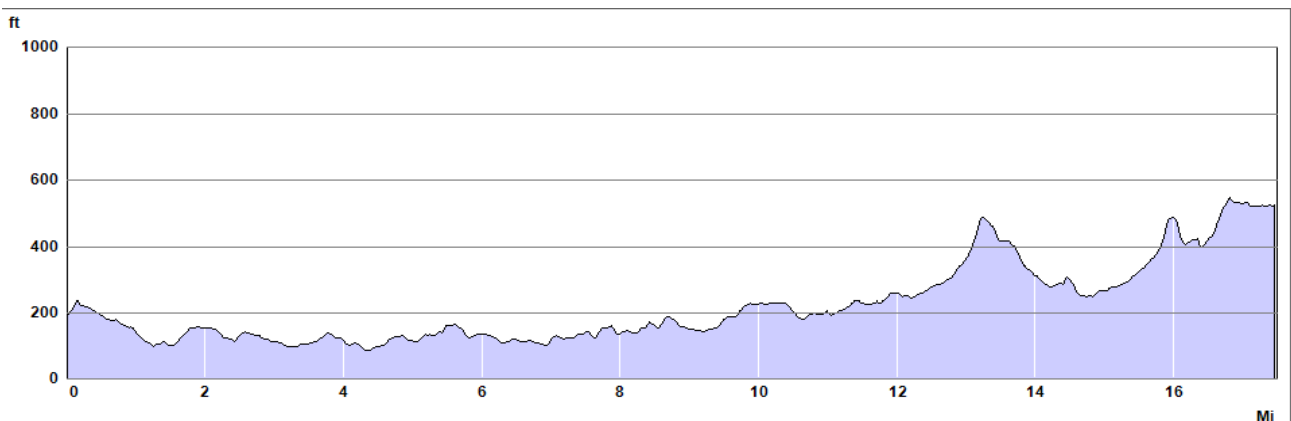
Our penultimate walking day is our longest, but at 17.5 miles that is a short longest day compared to most of our previous pilgrimages! Most of the day is fairly flat, until we cross the M20 and climb to join the North Downs Way (NDW) (which is also the Pilgrims Way) near Dunn Street. We follow the NDW as it starts to drop down into the valley of the Stour, then leave it, turning left to climb towards Challock. Before we reach the village we pause to pray at the Church of Ss Cosmas and Damian which is in a magnificent setting high on the downs, albeit surrounded by trees.

Time	Miles	Location	Grid Ref
		<i>Rise time and breakfast time will be announced the night before.</i>	
08:30	0	DEPART: St Michael's Village Hall, St Michael's, Tenterden, TN30 6DU	TQ885352
08:40 - 09:40	0.1	PILGRIM EUCHARIST: St Michael, Tenterden	TQ885354
10:20 - 10:40	1.9	PRAYERS: St Mary, High Halden	TQ902372
12:00 - 13:10	5.2	LUNCH: The George Inn, Bethersden, TN26 3AG	TQ929402
13:15 - 13:35	5.3	PRAYERS: St Margaret, Bethersden	TQ928403
15:25 - 15:30	10.1	DIY PRAYERS: St Margaret, Hothfield	TQ970445
18:10 - 18:30	16.4	PRAYERS: Ss Cosmas & Damian, Challock	TR011492
19:00	17.5	ARRIVE: Challock Village Hall, TN25 4AU	TR011505

About the lunch pub: The George is a traditional two bar pub with a friendly atmosphere. The landlady is happy for pilgrims to eat their own food in the garden, or inside if it rains, as long as they buy a drink.

Addresses Lunch: The George Inn, The Street, Bethersden, TN26 3AG
Hall: Challock Memorial Hall, Blind Lane, Challock, Ashford, Kent, TN25 4AU

A&B Pilgrimage History : Our route through Bethersden is south of the 1979 and 1988 routes. The short stretch of NDW that we walk today however was covered on those pilgrimages and the 2005 Canterbury to Winchester pilgrimage. The 1988 route is the only one to have gone through Challock, taking lunch there on a longer final day into Canterbury



DAY 14

Friday August 26

Challock to Canterbury

13.3 miles

Theme: Promised Land

What is good about the UK? Is it a land of promise? Could it be better?

Country Focus: UK

LEADER: John Chenery

Maps: L189,L179 or E137,E149,E150

Leaving Challock we walk through the King's Wood for 2 1/2 mile and rejoin the NDW / Pilgrim's Way by a milestone. Just after that we catch a distant view of the cathedral, with a recently installed display board. In fact that is the last we see of the cathedral until we are almost on top of it. The NDW takes us down to the delightful village of Chilham where there is a statue of a pilgrim in the square; our prayer stop is in the church. After a steep climb on a minor road to Old Wives Lees, we walk through an industrial-scale orchard, with temporary accommodation for its workers, to reach lunch at Chartham Hatch. After heading downhill through woods and over the A2, we leave the NDW to take a route into Canterbury that avoids roads: along by the River Stour, across a park, past the castle, then through gardens. We are then required to gather at the hall and help unload the van, which can only park there for a few minutes, before pressing on for our destination, the cathedral. Here we have our pilgrimage arrival service before attending Evensong.

Time	Miles	Location	Grid Ref
		<i>Rise time and breakfast time will be announced the night before.</i>	
09:00	0	DEPART: Challock Village Hall, TN25 4AU	TR011505
10:05	2.6	Join North Downs Way	TR049510
11:05 - 11:25	5.4	PRAYERS: St Mary, Chilham	TR069537
11:50	6.2	Old Wives Lees	TR072549
13:00 - 14:00	8.8	LUNCH: The Chapter Arms, Chartham Hatch, CT4 7LT	TR103565
15:35 - 16:00	13	UNLOAD VAN: St Thomas RC Church Hall, Canterbury, CT1 2HJ	TR151577
16:10	13.1	GATHER: Gate to Canterbury Cathedral	TR150578
16:15 - 17:00	13.2	ARRIVAL SERVICE: Christ Church Cathedral, Canterbury	TR151579
17:30 - 18:30	13.2	EVENSONG: Christ Church Cathedral, Canterbury	TR151579
18:45	13.3	ARRIVE: St Thomas RC Church Hall, Canterbury, CT1 2HJ	TR151577
19:30 - 20:00	13.3	PARISH MASS: St Thomas RC, Canterbury	TR151577

About the lunch pub: This village pub was converted from 4 farm cottages, soon after 1898, with the restaurant added more recently. Special events are its forte, so coping with a group of walking pilgrims should be easy. We may eat pilgrim rolls discretely in the gardens, away from the pub.

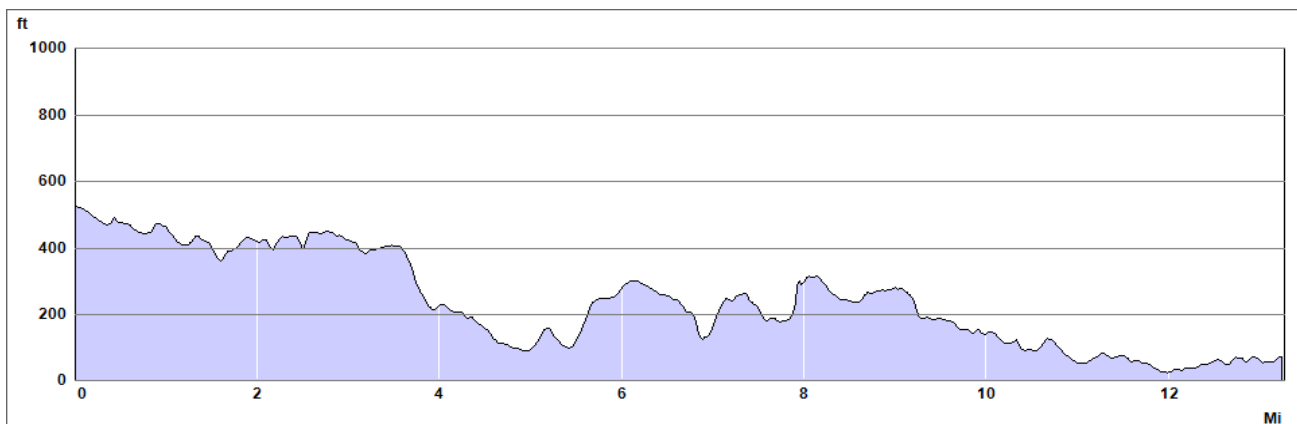
Addresses

Lunch: The Chapter Arms, New Town St, Canterbury CT4 7LT

Hall 1: St Thomas of Canterbury Church Hall, 59 Burgate, Canterbury, CT1 2HJ

Hall 2: St Paul's (without the walls), Church Street, Canterbury, CT1 1NH

A&B Pilgrimage History : Five previous pilgrimages have taken in Canterbury: it was the destination of the 1976, 1988 and 1997 pilgrimages, the startpoint of the 2005 pilgrimage, and the central point of the 1979 Brighton to Canterbury to Arundel pilgrimage.



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DAY 15 Saturday August 27 Celebration Day in Canterbury 0 miles

Like a rest day, pilgrims are left to their own devices on a rest day, until gathering for the traditional mass and celebration meal in the hall at 7pm. We have arranged 2 group tours of the cathedral. There are numerous other things to do in Canterbury including visiting the ruins of St Augustine's Abbey and boating on the River Stour. There are also the daily services in the cathedral.

Time	Miles	Location	Grid Ref
		<i>Rise time and breakfast time will be announced the night before.</i>	
11:20	0	1ST TOUR START TIME: Christ Church Cathedral, Canterbury	TR151579
12:00 - 12:40	0	PARISH MASS: St Thomas RC, Canterbury	TR151577
13:00	0	2ND TOUR START TIME: Christ Church Cathedral, Canterbury	TR151579
19:00 - 22:00	0	MASS AND CELEBRATION MEAL: St Thomas RC Church Hall, Cantert	TR151577

Addresses

Lunch: Pilgrims find their own lunch on celebration day.
Hall 1: St Thomas of Canterbury Church Hall, 59 Burgate, Canterbury, CT1 2HJ
Hall 2: St Paul's (without the walls), Church Street, Canterbury, CT1 1NH

DAY 16 Sunday August 28 Journey Home

Theme: A Sanctuary & A Light

Are our communities a sanctuary and a refuge? Do our communities light the way to peace and justice? How do we strike this balance between action and contemplation?

Prayer Focus: The return home

Time	Miles	Location	Grid Ref
		<i>Rise time and breakfast time will be announced the night before.</i>	
08:00 - 09:00	0	BCP ANGLICAN COMMUNION: Christ Church Cathedral, Canterbury	TR151579
09:30 - 10:30	0	PARISH MASS: St Thomas RC, Canterbury	TR151577
11:00	0	DEPART: St Thomas RC Church Hall, Canterbury, CT1 2HJ	TR151577