

Dates

The Pilgrimage will be taken along the St. Cuthbert's Way in Northumberland, between **Sunday 1st and Saturday 7th of June, 2025**. The first and last days will be given over to travel, which is anticipated to be by minibus. A break down of the days, with the mileage, points of interest and the night's accommodation, is shown below.

The immediate cost of the entire trip is in process of being calculated. It will cover accommodation and the cost of hiring our transportation. Other costs, which will be worked out retrospectively, include the cost of breakfast and lunch items for each of the days, and fuel costs for the minibus.

You will need to bring money with on the Pilgrimage, to cover the costs of evening meals and any other purchases you may wish to make.

When formally applying, we will ask you to make an initial 50% deposit for the fixed price.

The Walk Itself

The St Cuthbert's Way follows the reputed footsteps of St Cuthbert when he first made his way to Lindisfarne Abbey in the 7th century. He, together with Holy Island as a whole, is associated with the foundation of Roman Catholicism in the English Kingdom of Northumberland. His work as a monk, and then as Bishop of Lindisfarne, represents the origin of the widespread practice of our faith in this country. This being the case, it seems fitting that we should offer this walk for the intentions of the renewal of the faith in Scotland and in England, along the borders of which we will be walking.

However, as to the spiritual structure and content of the walk itself, we want this to be very much a student-led process; through our meetings and walks over the coming months we want to formulate a clear idea of what we want to get out of this Pilgrimage, and how we want to spiritually engage with it.

The structure of the days can be seen as follows:

Sunday 1st June. Mass at St. Philip Neri Church, followed by departure. The journey will be one of approximately five hours. **Accommodation: Yetholm Church, Kirk Yetholm.**

Monday 2nd June. Travel to Pilgrimage Start point. Walk of approximately fifteen miles, from Melrose Abbey, St Cuthbert's first Monastic community, to the Waterloo Monument, Harestones. Travel back to accommodation:

Yetholm Church, Kirk Yetholm. *Points of interest: Melrose Abbey, Dryburgh Abbey, the resting place of St Walter Scott, the Roman Road to Harestanes.*

Tuesday 3rd June. Travel to day Start – the Waterloo Monument, Harestanes. Walk of Approximately seventeen miles, from Waterloo Monument to Yetholm Church, Kirk Yetholm. Travel to accommodation at the Joiner’s Workshop Bunkhouse. Points of Interest: *Cessford Castle, Wideopen Hill,*

Wednesday 4th June. Travel to day Start – Yetholm Church, Kirk Yetholm. Walk of approximately twelve miles to St. Ninian’s Church, Wooler. Travel to accommodation at the Joiner’s Worship Bunkhouse. Points of Interest: *Hethpool Linn Waterfall, Yeavinger Bell.*

Thursday 5th June. Travel to day Start – St. Ninian’s Church, Wooler. Walk of approximately twelve miles to Fenwick Parish Church, Fenwick. Travel to accommodation at Lowick Village Hall, Lowick. Visiting: St. Cuthbert’s Cave. *Devil’s Causeway, St. Cuthbert’s Cave, Lindesfarne Castle.*

Friday 6th June. Travel to day Start – Fenwick Parish Church, Fenwick. Walk of approximately six miles to Pilgrimage end: Lindisfarne Abbey, Holy Island. Accommodation TBC. Points of Interest: *St. Aiden’s Parish Church, Lindesfarne Abbey.*

Saturday 7th June. Travel back to Liverpool, possibly visiting the relics of St. Cuthbert at Durham Cathedral. Journey time, excluding stop, of approximately five-six hours.

Other Notes

The accommodation is generally basic. We can expect cooking facilities and, in some places, washing facilities that have showers. However – we won’t have these amenities every night. Among the things that you will need to bring are:

- A sleeping bag and sleeping mat.
- Warm clothing, particularly for the nighttime.
- Toiletries that are practical for use in with limited washing facilities.
- Spare changes of clothes, and waterproof clothing.
- Practical footwear: boots or study trainers, and more than one pair of good quality walking socks.
- Feet care items, particularly blister plasters and lotion.
- A walking bag with which to carry these items.

