



## Prayer when setting out on pilgrimage

If you are going on a pilgrimage to find Christ,  
you will only find him if you carry him in your heart.

*An Irish monastic saying*

*The following may be said by one person  
or more:*

O Lord, save your servants,  
**Who put their trust in you.**

Send them help from your holy  
sanctuary,  
**And ever more mightily defend  
them.**

Be unto them, O Lord, a strong  
tower  
**From the face of the enemy**

Show them your ways, O Lord,  
**And teach them your paths.**

O God, give your angels charge over  
them,  
**To keep them in all their ways.**

*A Gaelic blessing on beginning a journey:*

Bless to me, O God,  
The earth beneath my foot;  
Bless to me, O God,  
The path whereon I go;  
Bless to me, O God,  
The thing of my desire;  
Thou Evermore of evermore,  
Bless Thou to me in my rest.  
Bless to me the thing  
Whereon is set my mind;  
Bless to me the thing  
Whereon is set my love;  
Bless to me the thing  
Whereon is set my hope;  
O Thou King of kings  
Bless Thou to me mine eye.

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Give me my scallop-shell of quiet  
My staff of faith to walk upon,  
My scrip of joy, immortal diet,  
My bottle of salvation,  
My gown of glory, hope's true gage,  
And thus I'll take my pilgrimage.

*Sir Walter Raleigh (c.1552-1618)*

The Gaelic Blessing and Prayer of Sir Walter Raleigh are from *The Pilgrim Prayer Book* by  
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## The Aust Pilgrimage

### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018

*From*

**Bristol Cathedral**



*To the*

**Banks of the  
River Severn**

*Following in the footsteps of*

**St Augustine  
of Canterbury**



***The pilgrimage commemorates St Augustine's journey to meet the Welsh bishops on the banks of the River Severn in 603. He intended to sort out differences between the Roman and Celtic Churches. This encounter did not end in reconciliation, but it did pave the way for the Synod of Whitby, 61 years later, when agreement was reached.***

### **The Pilgrimage Route**

<b>8.00am</b>	short service in Bristol Cathedral after which pilgrims leave through the Cloister Car Park.
<b>9.15am</b>	arrive at Fairfields School off Muller Road .
<b>9.35am</b>	arrive at the BT Tower on Purdown
<b>10.30am</b>	arrive at Parkway Station.
<b>11.45am</b>	arrive at Church of the Holy Family, Highwood Road, Patchway
<b>1.00pm</b>	<i>half-hour break for refreshment</i> Picnic lunch beside Bristol-Cardiff railway, Ash Lane, Cattybrook
<b>4.00pm</b>	Reach Aust. Refreshment in Church or at the Boar's Head
<b>5.00pm</b>	Pilgrimage Service in Aust Church

Prayers will be said at various times during the day for:

- All involved in education
- The communications industry and those who work in the media
- The transport industry and all who travel
- Farmers and all who work in agriculture

***You may joint the Pilgrimage anywhere along the route.***

### **Please Note**

- If you walk from Bristol Cathedral you will need to be able to walk 15 miles. It seems a long way but, in company, it passes easily!
- You may join the pilgrimage at any point along the route (*if you intend to do this, it would be helpful if you could e-mail us a day or two before to let us know where you intend to meet us so that we can look out for you. It would also help to have your mobile number so that we can contact you should we miss each other*). As the timings above are approximate you can on the day find out where the pilgrims are by telephoning 07711960661
- Some may prefer to organise their own pilgrimage route with appropriate prayer stations and join other pilgrims at Aust Church (or the Boars Head).
- If walking do wear hiking boots or stout walking shoes and don't forget to bring a picnic lunch.
- If you are unable to walk you are most welcome to join pilgrims for the Pilgrimage Service in Aust Church.
- Dogs are welcome!
- ***Please give some thought as to how you will return home from Aust. Although we will try to help with lifts back to Bristol, we cannot guarantee that there will be people present who will have car places available.***

#### **For further information**

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