### Following in the footstep of Saint Augustine of Canterbury

# The Aust Pilgrimage

## Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2020



From **Bristol Cathedral** to the **Banks of the Severn** 



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 lead to reconciliation, but it did pave the way for the Synod of Whitby, 61 years later, when agreement was reached.

#### The Pilgrimage

The Pilgrimage begins with a service at

#### 8.00am in Bristol Cathedral

after which pilgrims make their way to the

#### Church of St John at Aust for a Pilgrimage Service at 5.00pm

at which any dogs which have walked with a pilgrim will also be welcome.

A number of Pilgrims walk from the the Cathedral following what has become a traditional route details of which can be found at www.austpilgrimage.wordpress.com. If you follow this route the distance from Bristol Cathedral to Aust is 16 miles.

Others begin their walk at the Holy Family

Church at Highwood Road, Patchway, which is open from 11.45am to 12.15pm for light refreshments.

**Please note** that if you are following the traditional route from the Cathedral or The Holy Family hiking boots or stout walking shoes will make the journey more comfortable; you will need to bring a picnic lunch to eat on the way.

Some follow their own route to Aust, either on foot or by car, for the service at 5.00pm and meet other Pilgrims at the Boar's Head.

Tea and cake will be available before the service in the Church.

If you are walking to Aust please give some thought as to how you will return home.

More information can be found by going to www.austpilgrimage.wordpress.com



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