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hurst virtual pilgrimage to lindisfarne week 6



***pentecost to st aidan's day
31st may-31st august 2020***

week 6 Begins...

Thank you to everyone for your support and prayers as I continue on this physical journey of 309 miles and we spiritually journey together in prayer to Lindisfarne. I have been very grateful for the prayerful support of those whose holy sites I have visited this week.


At the end of last week I had physically walked to and prayed for Holy Trinity Coldhurst, St Stephen and All Martyr's, Oldham Parish Church, St Paul's Royton, St Anne's Royton and St Mark's Heyside in the Oldham West Deanery and spiritually I arrived at Ampleforth Abbey, St Hilda's Ampleforth and St Mary's Lastingham. I walked 18.18 miles, bringing the total to 118.59 miles.

As the new week begins...I spiritually I set off walking towards St Hilda's Priory 20.61 miles walk away. 21.02 miles walked this week and a total of 139.2 miles. My next stop is Whitby Abbey, 1.29 miles away.


I hope that you will continue to walk with me on this spiritual pilgrimage and that you will make use of this booklet in your prayer over the coming week.

hurst virtual pilgrimage prayer

Hurst Virtual Pilgrimage Prayer



**Be by my side Creator God,
Every step I take,
Be before me Saviour God,
Every step I take,
Be behind me Merciful God,
Every step I take,
Be within me Strengthening God
Every step I take.**



Prayer- Mary Fleeson www.lindisfarne-scriptorium.co.uk

Day thirty six 5th July 0 miles

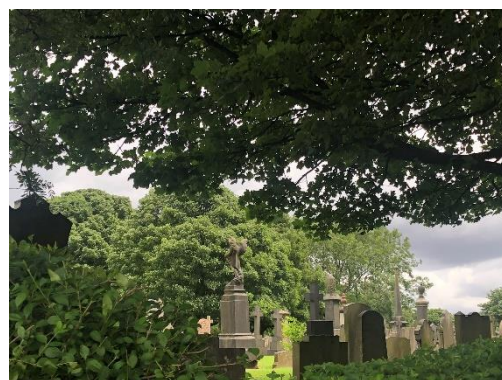
I had planned to walk after I had come back from church being open for private prayer. The weather was a little inclement and I suddenly felt so very tired, so I decided I would walk the next day in the afternoon when the weather forecast seemed better.

Day thirty seven 6th July 3.41 miles

I set out today from Holy Trinity Waterhead. Praying for Revd Paul Monk, Revd Jane Hyde, Revd Denise Owen and readers Ruth Lees & Rosie Kingham and the congregation at Holy Trinity Waterhead. Praying for their outreach into the community.



Beautiful wildflowers as I physically walk through Greenacres to Clarksfield and spiritually now on the way to the Sisters of the Order of the Holy Paraclete at Whitby. The next stop on the way to Lindisfarne. Praying for the Sisters. Walking past Greenacres cemetery- praying for cemetery staff funeral directors.



Praying for the Head, staff and pupils Greenacres Primary school. Arrived at St Barnabas Clarksfield. Praying for the ministry team – for Revd Paul Monk, Revd Denise Owen, Revd Jane Hyde. Praying also for the St Barnabas Community Project, the Youth Group & the congregation.



Walking up the very steep hill that is Ripponden Road towards St Thomas Moorside. Praying for the Revd Ian Heath and the congregation at East Oldham Methodist church. It was worth the climb with the amazing views as you walk through Watersheddings and reach the top of the hill at Moorside



Praying for the Head, staff and pupils at Hodge Clough Primary school as I walk by and for Moorside Stars nursery and for Fr Raymond McKee at Our Lady's Catholic Church Moorside and the congregation there.



A bird resting and being carried on the thermals reminds me of being held, supported and carried in prayer. Can you recall a time in your life when you felt that you were like that bird on resting on the thermals, held and lifted up and supported and carried along with prayer. It may have been a time of deep distress or it may have been a time of great joy. It may not have been a specific occasion or reason but you could feel yourself carried all the same. Return to that time in your prayer, relive those feelings and emotions, and give thanks for all those you know hold you in prayer and for those who pray for you without your knowledge.



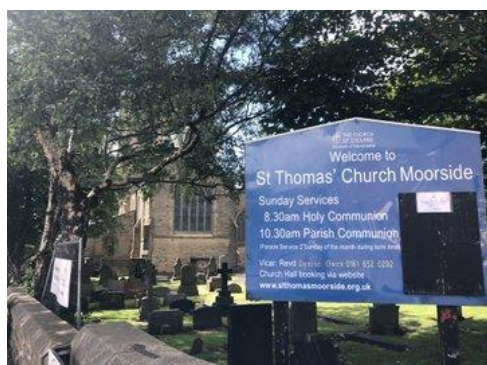
My map on my phone directed me the wrong way again which meant I found this beautiful path which I would have never seen as I walked over to St Thomas Moorside. Praying for those who find themselves in unexpected places and on unexpected journeys.



Perhaps recall a time in your own life when you have experienced something wonderful that may not have occurred if your own plans had not gone awry. Lord help us trust in our hearts that you do create order from chaos, you do bring light where there is darkness, you are

always with us even when we seem to be alone. Amen.

Arrived at St Thomas' Moorside. Praying for Revd Denise Owen, Fr Richard Dashwood, Revd Paul Monk and all the congregation. Praying as they begin to open the building once more and for their outreach to the community. Praying for St Thomas Moorside school - for the Head, staff and pupils. 3.41 miles walked today.



Day thirty eight 7th July 5.8 miles

I had two fellow pilgrims join me on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage today, Mthr Katy Cunliffe, Vicar of Holy Trinity Shaw and Revd Anne Gilbert, Assistant Curate Dearnley, Wardle and Smallbridge. We began at 7am at Holy Trinity Shaw, Mthr Katy's parish in prayer, as we prepared to walk to St Saviour's Shaw, St James' East Crompton and my sending parish St Mary High Crompton.



Walking into Shaw praying for all staff at Crompton Health Centre, for Crompton Library in preparations to open, for all employees in Asda Shaw and all employees and volunteers at Playhouse 2 at this time of great uncertainty. It's good to walk round "home".



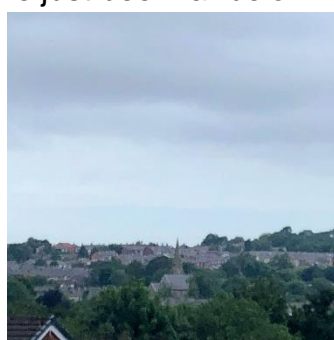
Walking on down Market Street on today. Praying for funeral directors, cemetery and crematorium staff. Praying for staff and families who use Holyrood nursery. Anne found a rock that had been left on a window bottom which said "God in our hearts".



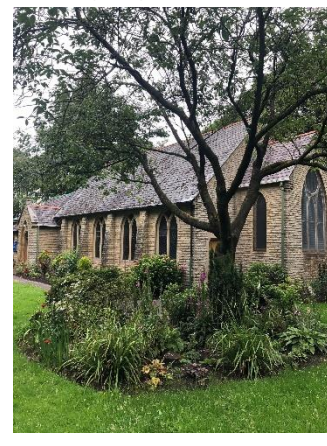
We arrived at St James East Crompton. Praying for staff and families at East Crompton St James Childcare Village. Praying for Revd David Woodall and Revd Howard Moston and the congregation there. I trained and was ordained with Howard 10 years ago in Manchester Cathedral – giving thanks for that time of training and companionship on that journey.



Walking up yet another hill on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage past old cotton mills repurposed for mail order companies. Praying for all who work there. Praying for the Heads', staff, and pupils at East Crompton St George's School, St James East Crompton School and Buckstones Primary School We can see St James Church where we have just been far below!



Waking through the trees to St Saviour's Church East Crompton. Grateful for my companions on the journey. Praying for Revd David Woodall, Revd Howard Moston and the congregation here.



Sheep on the hillside. At first glance a sweet pastoral scene, but the sheep were fighting and not kissing! Praying for all church communities experiencing conflicts. Prayers for reconciliation and for peacemakers.



Waking up an incredibly steep hill up a stepped path from Dunwood Park to High Crompton to where the roots of my faith lie. When the journey gets hard I imagine St Cuthbert walking with me and praying with and for me, encouraging me and supporting me. Thankful for all whose prayers have carried me. Take time to remember those who have carried you in prayer and walked with you on the journey and give thanks to God for them.



Looking back over Shaw and I can see St Thomas Church Moorside, the place from where I saw this same view from the other side yesterday. I can see the beginning and end of today's journey, Holy Trinity Church, Shaw. Thankful for the way this place and it's people has helped to form me since my birth.



We were stopped in our tracks by a sea of deep mud – a little like we were stopped in our tracks by the progressing on COVID-19. Praying for all for whom these last few months have felt like they were wading through mud or stuck in it. Thankful for those around who support and encourage and lead the way – today, and over these last few weeks.



Arrived in High Crompton – my home for the first 36 years of my life. Praying for Pam, Cat and Lily as they move from St Mary’s Vicarage to their new home. My dad came out to see us! Thankful for the support and love of my parents. Praying for St Mary’s High Crompton Primary school, for the Head Pam Hartley, the staff and pupils. Many happy memories of the school. Sunday school, brownies, guides, pantomimes and church events held here. I worked as a mid-day supervisor and as part time school secretary and school governor here and this is where my children Danny and Laura came to school. So many happy memories and so much of life spent in this building!



Arrived at St Mary’s High Crompton, my church from birth to ordination. I was baptised here at one month old on 25th October 1970. Mine and Anne Robinson’s sending church. Praying for Revd Dorothy & churchwarden Susanne and the congregation during this interregnum. So thankful for my church family here who loved me into being and began my formation.



Walking through High Crompton and praying for the local shops and business at the heart of this community. We reached Crompton House School – praying for the Head, Karl Newell, the staff, Governors & pupils. Praying for pupils arriving here in September. Thankful for the years I worked here prior to ordination and for pupils I supported. Thankful for Danny and Laura’s time here at school.



Arrived back at Holy Trinity Shaw, where on 10th March 1982, at the age of 11 I was Confirmed. Praying for Mthr Katy Cunliffe and the congregation here, for her work across the churches visited today with children and young people and as Governor and chaplain at Crompton House and Crompton Primary School – my old primary school!

Prayers too for Revd Anne Gilbert, who inspired by Hurst Virtual Pilgrimage has embarked on a pilgrimage of her own – The Virtual Camino de Santiago challenge. She is raising money for her churches and for The Springhill Hospice where she is a voluntary chaplain. Thank you both for our companionship today!

Day thirty nine 8th July 5.5 miles

I physically began on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage early this morning at Christchurch Friezland whilst spiritually I am still on my way St Hilda's Priory Whitby 11.4 miles away. Praying for The Team Rector of the Saddleworth Team, for Revd Mike Donmall with pastoral responsibility of this congregation, the congregation and for their work towards the Eco church scheme.



Before the ascent of yet another hill I stop and pray for the Head, staff & pupils at Friezland Primary school. The way marker reminds me of the first day of the pilgrimage setting off to Uppermill and Huddersfield 39 days ago. Thankful for the many blessings of pilgrimage.



It's a damp, drizzly and misty morning I as walk up to my next destination which is brightened by the welcome to Lydgate flowers and amazing views over Oldham below through the mist. Continuing to pray for the community of the Order of the Holy Paraclete at Whitby as I continue to journey there in spirit.



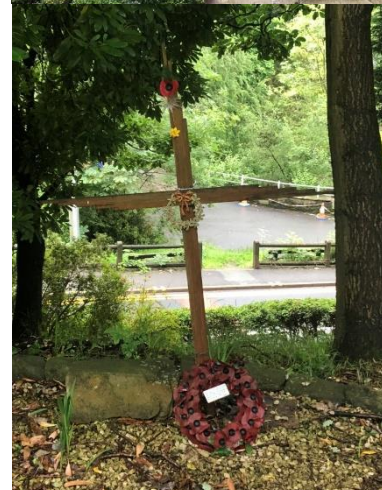
Arrived at St Anne's Lydgate at the top of another hill and took time to enjoy the view. Praying for The Revd Canon Sharon Jones, The Revd Pat Gillian, with pastoral responsibility for this congregation and for the congregation at St Anne's Praying too for the Head, staff and pupils at St Anne's Lydgate primary school.



Walking down hill now (thankfully!) to Greenfield past the train station and canal. Praying for those returning to a commute to work and those working for the train companies and rail network making that possible. I almost turned back 3 times on this journey and walked back to my car. I was tired and cold and not sure I could continue. Near the beginning of this pilgrimage Fr Oswin from CR Mirfield had said to me. "May Cuthbert be always at your side." I could feel Cuthbert encouraging me, or nagging me! And I carried on!



Walking by Greenfield Methodist Church and praying for Revd Gary Ridley and all at the church. I arrived at St Mary's Greenfield. Praying for The Revd Canon Sharon Jones, The Revd Barbara Christopher, who has pastoral responsibility for the congregation and for the congregation there. Praying also for the Head, staff and pupils at St Mary Greenfield Primary school and Greenfield Primary School.



Walking back to Christchurch Friezland and praying for the Saddleworth team, The Revd Canon Sharon Jones, the assistant curate The Revd Aaron Jackman, The Revd John Rosedale, The Revd Philip Williamson, The Revd Hilary Edgerton, The Revd Pat Gillan, The Revd Mike Donmall, The Revd Barbara Christopher and the Reader, Graham McGuffie. I walked 5.5 miles today.



Day forty 9th July 0 miles

A rest day from walking due to zoom meetings and getting things ready for church re-opening and because of the Confirmation of Election of Stephen Cottrell as the next Archbishop of York. In this [short](#) welcome video Archbishop Stephen stands in front of the Parish Church of St Mary Lastingham where I ended my pilgrimage last week and during the service some of the Sisters from the Priory at Whitby are leading prayers – this is where I will end the pilgrimage this week.

Day forty one 10th July 6.31 miles

A beautiful start to the day on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage as I leave my house at 5am and drive to Kiln Green Church at Diggle. Physically walking to other churches in the Saddleworth team I have not yet visited, Holy Trinity Dobcross, St Thomas' Diggle and Christ Church Denshaw whilst spiritually walking to St Hilda's Priory Whitby. Praying for The Revd Canon Sharon Jones and the clergy team and congregation at Kiln Green.



Walking past The Diggle Hotel and praying for all in the hospitality sector as it opens up more over these coming weeks. Praying for the Head, staff and pupils at Diggle School.



Watching the sunrise and praying for all who are walking in darkness at this time. "In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace."



The words of the hymn, [I watch the sunrise](#) come into my head.

I watch the sunrise, lighting the sky, casting its shadows near.
And on this morning, bright thought it be, I feel these shadows near me.
But you are always, close to me, following all my ways.
May I be always close to you, following all your ways Lord.



Walking up to Dobcross from Diggle. Praying for the communities in these villages. A way marker on the road lists the places I've visited on the #HurstVirtualPilgrimage. I've come to realise the benefit of holding a vision of both the final destination and of places or stages along the way.

Arrived at Holy Trinity Dobcross, praying for The Revd Canon Sharon Jones, The Revd John Rosedale, The Revd Aaron Jackman and the congregation there and the ways they reach out into the community. Praying for the Head, staff & pupils at Holy Trinity Dobcross School.



Walking over and down the hill from Dobcross to Delph Praying for those communities.



"May the mountains bring peace to the people, and the hills bring righteousness." Psalm 72:3



Walking into Delph and paying for all in the community reaching out to neighbours. The old Co-op building suggests a long history of the village working together. Passing Delph library and praying for Oldham Libraries as they prepare to open.



Arrived at St Thomas Delph. Praying for The Revd Canon Sharon Jones, The Revd John Rosedale, the clergy team and congregation. Praying for The Revd Ridley and the congregation at Delph Methodist Church. Prayers for the Head, staff and pupils at Delph Primary School. Making my way toward Denshaw-another hill!



Gary



"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber..." Psalm 121:1-4



Walking physically toward Christ Church Denshaw and spiritually toward the Sisters of the Order of the Holy Paraclete at Whitby. Praying for their community and their ministry of prayer. Good to see 3 of the Sisters on the short service that introduced Archbishop Stephen. See above. Praying for Archbishop Stephen in these new beginnings.



Arrived at Christ Church Denshaw on #HurstVirtualPilgrimage. Praying for The Revd Canon Sharon Jones, The Revd John Rosedale, The Revd Philip Williamson, The Revd Aaron Jackman, The Revd Pat Gillan, The Revd Barbara Christopher and Reader Graham McGuffie and the congregation



6.3 miles today #HurstVirtualPilgrimage and excited to arrive at and be prayed for and welcomed by Srs Jocelyn, Heather Francis, Grace, Alison, Linda, Mavis, Karan, Erika and Dorothy Stella. Thanks to photographer Sr Hannah Grace! St Hilda is my favourite saint, so glad to be here.





It feels good to have arrived at St Hilda's Priory and I will be resting here spiritually for a couple days now. So I will still be here spiritually when we open for public worship for the first time. Good to know St Hilda will be praying for us and with us as we gather once more.

Find out more about the Order of the Holy Paraclete [here](#). More about St Hilda next week!

Day forty two 11th July St Benedict

A rest from walking today before I set off the 1.29 miles to Whitby Abbey and St Mary's and St Hilda's Whitby 0.7 miles further on again.



Today, 11 July is the day that the church celebrates St Benedict – known as the Father of Western Monasticism. Benedict was born in Nursia, central Italy, around the year 480. As a young man he was sent to study in Rome, but was soon appalled by the corruption in society and withdrew to live as a hermit at Subiaco. He quickly attracted disciples and began to establish small monasteries in the neighbourhood. Around the year 525, a disaffected faction tried to poison him so Benedict moved to Monte Cassino with a band of loyal monks. Later in life Benedict wrote his Rule for Monks, based on his own experience of fallible people striving to live out the gospel. He never intended to found an 'order' but his Rule was so good that it was disseminated and widely followed, becoming the model for all western monasticism. Benedict died at Monte Cassino in about the year 550.

On this pilgrimage we have visited The Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield, The Sisters at Stanbrook Abbey, Wass, the monks at Ampleforth Abbey and the Order of the Holy Paraclete at Whitby – all of these communities follow the Benedictine Rule. (see Week 5 for more on The Rule) and today will be a day of celebration for them.

The Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield celebrated a Virtual Festival Day on 10th and 11th July on Facebook. I have included the links to the talk given by Fr Oswin CR, the Prior of the Community entitled [The Community of the Resurrection Today](#).

There is a fascinating conversation between Fr Nicholas CR and Sr Philippa Edwards from Stanbrook Abbey called [Living the Benedictine Life](#). Sr Philippa is the Sister that welcomed us to Stanbrook Abbey in Week 4. Fr Nicholas and Sr Philippa have also written a book together called [Making Space for God – An Invitation](#) - which can be purchased from the CR Mirfield Bookshop.

There is also a tour of the grounds with Fr George CR and Br Marc CR. You may remember Fr George CR when he came to talk to us a few years ago about setting up our prayer community Day by Day with St John.

The rest of the Festival day is still on the Community of the Resurrection [Facebook Page](#) if you want to take a look!

I am so pleased to be able to share the news that we have raised £2467.50 so far with the sponsored walk. If you wish to contribute click [here](#). Thank you to those who have contributed!