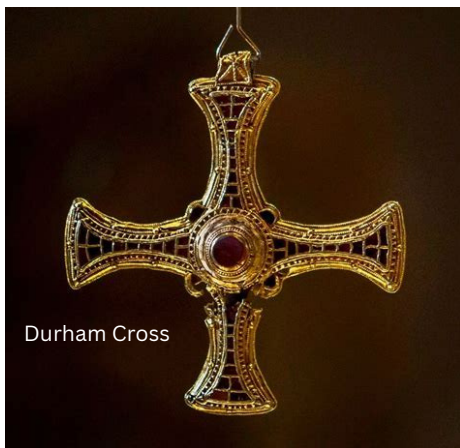


ACN CENTRAL PILGRIMAGE

JULY 22 - JULY 27 2024



Pilgrim Paths



Travel the pilgrim paths of the early church in Durham, Lindisfarne, Escomb, Ruthwell and Jarrow with Saints Cuthbert and Bede.

This Aid to the Church in Need pilgrimage will include reflections on the persecuted Church of today and look into the history of the early church led by our pilgrim historian Suze Mathews who specialises in Anglo-Saxon history. Led by Fr Jeremy Howard, our pilgrimage chaplain, experience communal prayer of the Divine Office in beautiful surroundings, daily Mass and devotions.

Full costs in this booklet - £75 deposit non refundable (except if pilgrimage is cancelled) payable to ACN to secure your place by emailing Teresa Kehoe, Pilgrimage Director, teresa.kehoe@acnuk.org

Travel to Durham:

Please book, pay for and make your own way to Durham. We suggest by coach or train due to limited parking in Durham. Arrivals in the late afternoon, so take advantage of off peak travel. Meeting time and venue details for July 22nd will be given upon confirmation of pilgrimage booking and payment of deposit.

Accommodation:

Please book and pay for your own accommodation ideally at St Chad's Durham, 18 North Bailey, Durham, DH1 3RH, 0191 334 3358 Prices for bed and breakfast per night (based on 2023 prices so **please check 2024 prices**):
Single En suite £63.00, Single Standard £52.00,
Twin En Suite £107.00, Twin Standard £88.00,
Double En Suite £107.00 Double Standard
£88.00

If you wish to book accommodation elsewhere please ensure you are at the coach pick up point each day at the time stated. The coach will not be able to do individual pick ups and drop offs to other accommodation. The pick up point will be near St Chad's. If booking your own accommodation [booking.com](https://www.booking.com) is a useful website.

Food and drink:

We are **not including costs for food and drink** in order to allow for pilgrims to control their own costs (other than 2 dinners as stated below). Please allow for this in your budgeting. This will also ensure you can manage any dietary requirements.

We **have included** a pilgrim dinner on Monday and a pilgrim 3 course dinner on Thursday evening so please let us know of any dietary requirements at the point of booking your place. Other than these 2 dinners, pilgrims are free to eat wherever they wish but we invite you as much as possible to eat together with us to maintain and build pilgrim friendships and a sense of unity that pilgrimages bring.

If booking accommodation please note that at St Chad's breakfast will be included in your room cost - if booking elsewhere you may wish to make sure you click a bed and breakfast option.

Pilgrimage cost payable to ACN

£190 - this covers ACN organisational costs, coach from Durham to our daily excursion destinations, entry and tour fees for Durham Cathedral and the Lindisfarne Heritage Centre, Church donation costs, 2 pilgrim dinners and your pilgrim pack. Please remember that this 'pilgrimage cost' **does not include** your initial travel from home to and from Durham, accommodation, meals and drinks, other than the 2 pilgrim dinners. If you are members of **English Heritage please bring your IDs with you for use.**

Insurance

Please take out your own insurance for belongings and personal travel to and from Durham from home. We are not liable for loss of belongings

Medicines:

If you take medication, please ensure you have all you need with you and you have adequate health insurance if it is necessary for your condition.

Mobility & Accessibility:

Please note, this pilgrimage will include some walking and climbing stairs/uneven surfaces. Please be mindful of your mobility needs when deciding whether to join this pilgrimage. Some of the places we will visit will not be disability friendly in terms of physical mobility. Apologies in advance for this.

Spirituality:

We will be accompanied by Fr Jeremy Howard, our pilgrimage chaplain. We will meet and celebrate Holy Mass daily, have the opportunity for confessions, pray the rosary together communally one day and, as is the tradition of all at ACN, pray the Angelus as near to noon as possible each day.

Your pilgrim pack will include Morning and Evening Prayer so you can pray if you wish. As well as these more 'formal' times of pilgrim prayer, we invite you to offer your pilgrimage prayers and reflections either as part of our Masses or in our visits. Informal as well as formal prayer helps us both grow spiritually individually as well as communally and helps develop our personal relationship with Christ.

A little about our pilgrim leaders:

Suze Mathews - Pilgrim Historian

Suze read history at London School of Economics and then went on to study for an MPhil in 10th Anglo-Saxon Politics at Kings College London. Suze has led pilgrimages to Durham, Lindisfarne and Jarrow; additionally Suze frequently gives talks at the British Museum, the British Library and the Ashmolean on aspects of Anglo-Saxon history, with particular focus on the early period: 6-9th centuries.

Suze has worked as a senior lecturer at Oxford Brookes University Business School. Suze will give talks at St Chad's and at the various sites, to prepare you for our visits. These talks are optional but we highly recommend you take advantage of Suze's knowledge and insights as these will greatly enhance your experiences.

Teresa Kehoe - ACN Central

Teresa Kehoe has a BA in Catechesis and an MA in RE and Catechesis. Teresa has lectured and led adult formation in catechesis and evangelisation nationally and internationally, including in America, Australia, Africa and the Middle East. Teresa's recent work has been with a number of Catholic charities prior to joining ACN UK.

Teresa's work at ACN enables her to support the suffering and persecuted Church worldwide. Teresa invites you to offer some of your Masses spiritually during this pilgrimage for someone who cannot go to Mass due to persecution, as part of the ongoing ACN campaign of **Go to Mass for Someone Who Can't.**

Please ask Teresa anything about the work of ACN and their projects and people.

Fr Jeremy Howard
Pilgrimage Spiritual Director

Fr Jeremy is the parish priest of the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes Hednesford (the diocesan shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in the Archdiocese of Birmingham), the Director of the Birmingham Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes and one of the chaplains to French speaking Catholics. Fr Jeremy was a Hospital Chaplain for some years and was one of the Archbishop's Healthcare Advisers. He has a long involvement in interfaith affairs with a particular interest in Jewish Christian Dialogue and Holocaust Remembrance.

Mick Kehoe - Pilgrimage First Aider