

THE PILGRIMAGE

WELCOME



A pilgrimage is a journey. Normally it involves travelling some distance to some religiously significant location. I'm afraid we are just in a car park, without any significant distance to travel or religiously significant location to aim for! However, as you embark on this short walk, we pray that you would sense the Lord walking with you, that you would have dialogue with Him, and that, in reflecting upon the events of Good Friday, you might be also be able to, at the same time, reflect upon some of the strains and sorrows in your own heart.

Today is Good Friday; a time when Christians all around the world reflect upon the death of Jesus. It is a story many of us are very familiar with, something that happened centuries ago but, for followers of Jesus, also something that is continuously central to our lives. It is the place where our sins are forgiven, where a victory was won on our behalf, but also the place where we see a God who suffered, who made himself vulnerable, who does not sit at a safe distance from pains and sorrows, but entered into them.

We would love to invite you to journey, thoughtfully and prayerfully, through this little pilgrimage, reflecting upon the brokenness and sorrow of those dark days, the brokenness and sorrow of our dark days, and the beautiful hope of Jesus right at the heart of both.

At each station there will be 4 things to do, following the rhyme, Listen - Read - Ponder - Seed.

LISTEN : At each station, there is something to listen to or watch, use your phone to scan the QR code.

READ : At each station there is part of the biblical narrative to read.

PONDER : At each station there will be a short reflection that you can spend some time thinking about.

SEED : At each station there will be an invitation to 'do' something. To 'seed' what you have read and thought about into your heart and life.

So take your time, there's no rush, this isn't a course to rattle through. This is prayer. This is a time to commune with the Lord, to think about Him but also reflect on your own life circumstances honestly with Him.

So, as you begin take a moment,

.....breathe in..... breathe out.....slowly.....deeply.....once..... twice.....three times.

Acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit.

"Father, you know me. The deepest and most honest utterances of my heart, you know more clearly than I do. And yet you would have me tell them to you all the same, as you gently nurture the repair of my own heart, through the honesty and humility that such reflection requires. May this moment be just such a moment of reflection and repair, may it shimmer with your presence, may it be full of wonder and worship. Amen."

