

## 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*

Lord God, you call us to walk in faith,  
and accompany us along our way.  
May all who travel together grow  
in friendship and love of Christ.  
Bring us safely to our journey's end,  
and as we travel as bearers of Christ,  
may we also find him whom we seek,  
even Jesus Christ, the pioneer  
and perfecter of our faith.<sup>1</sup> **Amen**

## A Blessing of Pilgrims

We praise and bless you, God our Father,  
for sending to us your Son.  
He went about among us doing good.  
He travelled light with nowhere to lay his head.  
Resolutely he set his face to Jerusalem,  
and journeyed there to the centre of conflict  
compelled by your costly reconciling love.  
Bless these your pilgrims and  
guide their steps as they seek to walk by faith;  
strengthen them by you Spirit, today  
and until the time when they reach  
their place of resurrection.  
We ask this in the name of him who is the Way,  
the Truth and the Life, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.<sup>2</sup> **Amen**

<sup>1</sup> Prayer adapted from a prayer in *The Pilgrim's Manual* by Christopher Irvine  
(Wild Goose Publications 1997) page 43

<sup>2</sup> *The Pilgrim's Manual* page 11

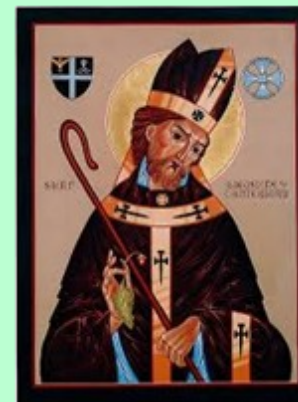
# The Aust Pilgrimage

## Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017



*from*  
**Bristol  
Cathedral**

*to the*  
**Banks of the  
River Severn**



*following in the footsteps of*  
**Saint 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**

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

*As the timings are approximate you can find out where the pilgrims are by telephoning 0771 1960661*

### **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*).
- 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 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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