



DUNMOW AND STANSTED DEANERY

*Walking together again with Jesus
and friends*

2022 WALKS PROGRAMME

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Walking together again

After missing two years of our walks round the deanery we are beginning again! We hope to gather each month to walk and pray and share wonderful refreshments with the churches in the deanery. The routine remains the same:

9 am meet at the designated church
10am/10.10 am return to join non-walkers for coffee in the church
10.30am short service to pray with the people of that church.

This year the theme of our walks is 'Being together again in God's Creation' which is not hard to do as we walk through the glorious Essex countryside so we will hope really to notice the wonderful diversity of the natural world on the large and the small scale: the oak tree and the ant! We will also be attending carefully to where we are, observing, reflecting and recognising that we ourselves and the world have changed in the two years since last we met. We will give thanks for every detail that helps us to recognise the care that God has taken of us even through the tough times that many have experienced but that we travel, as his disciples did, in companionship with his son Jesus Christ.

This is a wonderful opportunity to walk in fellowship with many people who worship, live and work within our deanery, and to pray together for our world, be it locally in the village we are visiting or further afield across the globe where the natural environment looks very different.

The calendar of walks is on the reverse - please look out for the details of each walk in the pew leaflets, in the various parish magazines and the parish websites and on the dedicated Facebook

page: www.facebook.com/pilgrimagewalk. You can also ring the contact for that month and of course, dogs are most welcome!

The service is usually a short one with praise and thanksgiving to begin with, perhaps a confession, a Bible reading, and intercessions.

We normally begin with Psalm 100:

Praise and thanksgiving

Shout praises to the Lord, everyone on this earth.
Be joyful and sing as you come to worship the Lord!
You know the Lord is God!
He created us, and we belong to him;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Be thankful and praise the Lord as you enter his temple.
The Lord is good!
His love and faithfulness will last for ever.

Responses

Oh Lord, save our hearts from being as the footpath,
too hard for your word to take root.

**Oh Lord, save our hearts from being as the rocky ground,
where your word cannot be nourished and withers away.**

Oh Lord, save us from being as the poor soil,
where your word is overpowered
by the cares and worries of our everyday life.

**Bless us and make us fertile soil, in good heart
where your word flourishes
and brings life to ourselves and to others.**

Amen.

Jesus' words in **Matthew chapter 6 vv 25-34** tie together God's care for creation and for us and is an ideal reading to use but there are plenty more.

After this experience maybe our prayers should reflect thanksgiving for the care of the medical profession, the scientists and those who have worked sacrificially throughout the pandemic and still are: sorrow with those whose

lives have been changed such as the bereaved but also children and young people and those with failing businesses: hope that God's creative and healing power brings about new beginnings in all ways.

As this is the Queen's jubilee year it might be good to pray for her at each of our services if that is thought suitable.

And we usually end with the family prayer of the church, the Lord's Prayer.

This blessing from Iona seems to encompass our themes.

The love of the faithful Creator
The peace of the wounded Healer
The joy of the challenging Spirit
The hope of the Three in One
surround us and encourage us
yesterday, today and tomorrow.

The Grace

