

# CELTIC CHRISTIANITY PILGRIMAGE

**DATES: APRIL 29 TO MAY 17, 2021 (18 nights)**

**Fee: £3933.00 PER PERSON TWIN SHARE**

**Pilgrimage leaders: Rev John Hornblow and Dr Jenny Boyack**

**For a photo slideshow of the 2018 Celtic Pilgrimage go to**

**[www.pilgimagenz.nz](http://www.pilgimagenz.nz) and click on *past/2018/slideshow***

People interested in joining this pilgrimage are welcome regardless of religious affiliation or belief.

This pilgrimage is:

- A journey to well-known and lesser-visited sacred places, each significant in the story of Celtic Christianity;
- An opportunity to understand the heart and theology of Celtic Christianity, the ancient people who shaped it, and its relevance for today's world;
- A broadly Christian experience that includes morning or evening prayer services in the Celtic tradition and an inclusive Eucharist service at several key sites;
- An opportunity to meet with locals and to hear contemporary faith stories;
- An experience in community;
- A journey inwards with opportunities most days for reflection, dialogue, writing, photography, sketching, etc;
- A space to pray, rest, recover, dream, plan and prepare.

The pilgrimage is a not-for-profit venture, offered in association with UK-based Tours International Ltd [www.tours-international.com](http://www.tours-international.com) Our pilgrimages usually have between 20 and 30 participants.

If you want to register your interest or to book a place, please complete the form at the end of this document and return it to John and Jenny.

**ITINERARY:****DAY 1**

THURSDAY, 29 APRIL 2021

Meet at Heathrow and travel to Aylesford Priory, Kent, an ancient religious house of the Order of Carmelites dating back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century. There'll be time to enjoy the beautiful grounds and the Friars' Peace Garden before attending Evening Prayer with the Friars before dinner. Dinner and overnight in the guesthouse.

**DAY 2**

FRIDAY, 30 APRIL 2021

After breakfast we travel to Canterbury where we visit St Martin's Church, the oldest church in continuous use in England, and the site of the first meeting of St Augustine and Ethelbert King of Kent and his Christian wife Queen Bertha. Before lunch we are taken on a guided tour of Canterbury Cathedral, one of the oldest and most famous Christian structures in England. In the afternoon we visit St Augustine's Abbey, a former Benedictine monastery founded in 598AD, and return to the Cathedral for Evensong. Dinner and overnight in the beautiful Canterbury Lodge within the Cathedral Close.

**DAY 3**

SATURDAY, 1 MAY 2021

We travel through the Kent countryside to the beautiful village of Chilham and on to Ramsgate to see the stone cross commemorating St Augustine's landing in 597AD. We visit Minster Abbey, a small but active Benedictine nunnery, and continue to Reculver to see the remains of a 7<sup>th</sup> century Saxon Church. Dinner and overnight at Canterbury Lodge.

**DAY 4**

SUNDAY, 2 MAY 2021

We attend a morning service at the Cathedral and have the rest of the day free to explore the ancient town of Canterbury. Own dinner arrangements and overnight at Canterbury Lodge.

**DAY 5**

MONDAY, 3 MAY 2021

We travel by coach from Canterbury to Wales, stopping en route to visit historic Winchester Cathedral, once the seat of Anglo-Saxon and Norman royal power. Free time for lunch in Winchester and into Wales for dinner and overnight.

**DAY 6**

TUESDAY, 4 MAY 2021

We travel to St David's, England's smallest city. There will be ample time to visit the Cathedral and enjoy lunch in the spacious Cathedral grounds. The opportunity to walk to St

Non's Retreat which is marked by the ruins of a tiny chapel close to a holy well, and believed to be the site of St David's birth. Afternoon transfer to hotel in mid-Wales region for dinner and overnight.

#### DAY 7

WEDNESDAY, 5 MAY 2021

After breakfast we will travel into Snowdonia National Park, have free time for lunch, and then take the Snowdon Mountain train as far as possible (dependent on weather conditions). Afternoon visit to the shrine at St Winefride's Well, a place of public pilgrimage for over 13 centuries. Dinner and overnight Holywell.

#### DAY 8

THURSDAY, 6 MAY 2021

We travel to Holyhead and catch the ferry to Dublin. Transfer by coach to the city centre for lunch then visit St Patrick's Anglican Cathedral and remain for Evensong. Transfer to hotel for dinner and overnight.

#### DAY 9

FRIDAY, 7 MAY 2021

Morning panoramic coach tour of Dublin including a visit to Trinity College with its magnificent Long Room Library. Trinity College houses Ireland's greatest cultural treasure and the world's most famous medieval manuscript, the Book of Kells. Free time for lunch in Dublin and then depart westwards to Knock in County Mayo. Knock is Ireland's national Marian Shrine and was the site of an apparition on the 21 August 1879. Free time to visit the shrine. Dinner and overnight at Knock Hotel.

#### DAY 10

SATURDAY, 8 MAY 2021

Breakfast. Depart for Westport and on to Croagh Patrick – the Holy Mountain of St Patrick. The tradition of pilgrimage to this mountain goes back over 5,000 years. There will be time for pilgrims with appropriate fitness to climb Croagh Patrick or to explore the beautiful coastline. Lunch will be provided in Westport before a mid-afternoon visit to the Celtic Furrow Museum at Ballintubber Abbey. Dinner and overnight at Knock Hotel.

#### DAY 11

SUNDAY, 9 MAY 2021

After breakfast, travel by coach to Downpatrick Visitor Centre, St Patrick's Cathedral where St Patrick is buried, and Saul Church. Continue to Belfast for dinner and overnight.

**DAY 12****MONDAY, 10 MAY 2021**

After breakfast meet with a local guide and depart by coach for a morning tour of Belfast with special emphasis on peace and reconciliation initiatives. Free time for lunch, then afternoon transfer to ferry terminal for the crossing to Scotland. Transfer to hotel for dinner and overnight.

**DAY 13****TUESDAY, 11 MAY 2021**

After breakfast we travel by coach and visit significant sites in Glasgow, the city founded by missionary St Kentigern/Mungo in the 6th century. After free time for lunch in Glasgow we continue to the fishing village of Oban, crossing by ferry to the Isle of Mull and then onto the Island of Iona. Dinner and overnight in Iona.

**DAY 14****WEDNESDAY, 12 MAY 2021**

A full day on the island of Iona, which became the heart of Celtic Christianity in Scotland. When St Columba landed there in 563AD he founded a new monastic community. Celtic Christianity prospered here until Viking raids forced many monks to flee the island. The Roman Church later returned in force with a new Benedictine Abbey in the 12th century and the island was revived in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century as the centre of a contemporary Christian movement which continues today. We will have a morning Eucharist in the Abbey and pilgrims will then be free to explore the island. Dinner and overnight on the island.

**DAY 15****THURSDAY, 13 MAY 2021**

After breakfast we will travel by ferry and coach to Edinburgh with a stop at Luss Church on the shores of Loch Lomond. After checking into the hotel in Edinburgh there will be time to explore and make own dinner arrangements.

**DAY 16****FRIDAY, 14 MAY 2021**

A full-day pilgrimage to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne. Actual timings for the visit will be tide-dependent. St Aidan came to Lindisfarne from Iona in 635AD at the request of King Oswald. Lindisfarne was also prominent in the life of St Cuthbert. We will visit the priory and Lindisfarne Centre which includes a leather-bound facsimile of the Lindisfarne Gospels. Depart the island for Durham. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

**DAY 17****SATURDAY, 15 MAY 2021**

Travel by coach for a morning visit to the ruins of St Hilda's Abbey in Whitby, site of the the important Synod of Whitby in 664AD. Own lunch and time to explore the picturesque Whitby township. Return to Durham for rest of day at leisure. Own arrangements for dinner. Overnight at hotel.

**DAY 18****SUNDAY, 16 MAY 2021**

Attend one of the Sunday services at Durham Cathedral in the morning with time to explore the cathedral afterwards. St Cuthbert's body was brought here from Lindisfarne and his tomb is still here. At the other end of the cathedral are the remains of St Bede enshrined in the Galilee Chapel. Visit will also include 'The Treasures of St Cuthbert' exhibition. Own lunch arrangements. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

**DAY 19****MONDAY, 17 MAY 2021**

Check out after breakfast and return to the Cathedral for time in the Chapel of the Holy Cross. The pilgrimage concludes at 12.00pm and pilgrims will have individual transfer arrangements.

## NOTES

**Fee:** ALL PRICES ARE NETT PER PERSON: £3933.00 Twin/Double. £716.00 Single Room

Supplement

**Fee includes:**

**Meals:** 15 dinners (3 course without drinks & coffee) at the hotels; 1 lunch (2 course with tea/coffee) on Day 10 in Westport; 3 boxed lunches.

**Coach:** with air conditioning and panoramic windows.

**Ferry crossings:** Holyhead/Dublin (with breakfast on board); Belfast/Cairnryan; Oban/Isle of Mull return; Isle of Mull/Isle of Iona return.

**Entrance fees to the following attractions;** *Canterbury Cathedral, St Augustine's Abbey, Winchester Cathedral, St David's Cathedral, St Winefride's Well, St Patrick's Cathedral, Trinity College, Downpatrick Centre, Iona Abbey, Lindisfarne Centre, Lindisfarne Priory, Durham Cathedral, Chapel of Holy Cross hire, Whitby Abbey, and Snowdon Mountain Railway.*

**Fee excludes:**

International Airfares, some meals, personal expenses and optional gratuities.

**Accommodation** is in Twins/Doubles for 18 nights unless single supplement booked. All rooms with the exception of The Friars Guesthouse Aylesford have private facilities.

Breakfast is included

April 29 – 1 night – The Friars Guesthouse, Aylesford

<http://www.thefriars.org.uk/guesthouse/guesthouse.html>

April 30 – 3 nights – Canterbury Cathedral Lodge [www.canterburycathedralodge.org](http://www.canterburycathedralodge.org)

May 3 – 1 night – Grand Hotel Swansea <https://www.thegrandhotelswansea.co.uk/>

May 4 – 1 night – Three Wells, Llandrindod Wells <http://www.threewellshotel.co.uk/>

May 5 – 1 night – St Winefride's Guesthouse, Holywell

<http://www.bridgettine.org/group.asp?page=51>

May 6– 1 night – Camden Court Hotel, Dublin <http://www.camdencourthotel.com/>

May 7 – 2 nights – Knock House Hotel <http://www.knockhousehotel.ie/>

May 9 – 1 night – Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast (or similar)

<http://www.wellingtonparkhotel.com/>

May 10 – 1 night – Mercure Ayr <https://all.accor.com/hotel/8344/index.en.shtml>

May 11 – 2 nights – Isle of Iona – group split between St Columba Hotel and Argyll Hotel

<https://www.stcolumba-hotel.co.uk/> <https://www.argyllhoteliona.co.uk/>

May 13 – 1 night – Edinburgh Grosvenor Hotel <https://www.edinburghgrosvenorhotel.co.uk/>

May 14 – 3 nights – Marriott Durham Hotel <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/xvudm-durham-marriott-hotel-royal-county/>

## **Fitness and health requirements**

***Pilgrims must be able to walk several kilometres a day usually in short stretches and without assistance.*** Note: the paths and roads may be of a lower standard than we are used to. If unsure whether you have the required level of fitness please discuss with the leaders and/or your medical practitioner before registering. Any health conditions that may affect your capacity to participate must be discussed in advance and in confidence with the leaders.

## **The next step**

### **1. REGISTRATION OF INTEREST:**

If you are interested please complete the form below and email or post to John and Jenny. We then forward your registration to Tours International who will confirm your place (if there is space available). The initial payment will be a 20% deposit with the balance required eight weeks before departure.

### **2. PAYMENT PROCEDURE:**

Pilgrimagenz does not handle any money. All fees are paid direct to Tours International. When Tours International confirms your place they will advise you of how the deposit is to be paid.

### **3. CANCELLATION POLICY:**

The cancellation policy can be found on Tours International website:  
<https://tours-international.com/booking-conditions>

### **4. INSURANCE:**

Participants must have travel insurance. People may take out their own insurance. However Pilgrimagenz has comprehensive travel insurance available to the group through a reputable agent. We can provide more detailed information about this on registration. NB: any person who travels against their doctor's advice invalidates their insurance.

### **5. VISA:**

If you are travelling on a NZ Passport you will not require a visa.

### **6. PILGRIMAGE LEADERS' CONTACT DETAILS:**

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**Registration Form for Celtic Pilgrimage**

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Please scan and email to [jennyjohnhornblow@gmail.com](mailto:jennyjohnhornblow@gmail.com) or print off and post to  
36 Langston Ave, Palmerston North, New Zealand 4414

**Please delete one:**

I am registering for the pilgrimage

I am interested and considering registering for the pilgrimage. Please hold a place for me.

**PLEASE PRINT:**

Full name.....

I prefer to be called (if different from above).....

Age & Birthdate.....

**Contact Details**

Postal Address.....

Phone number(s).....

Email address (print).....

Church or religious affiliation (optional).....

Nationality, Passport number and Passport expiry  
date.....

Relevant pre-existing medical conditions.....

I confirm I can meet the required health and fitness level (able to walk several kilometres  
in a day without assistance)                    yes/no **(cross one out)**.

Any clarification:

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Any other relevant information you would like to share

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**Signed:**

**Date:**