

Christ the Prince of Peace Walk of Mercy

Saturday 27th to Monday 29th August 2016

FAQs

What the purpose of the Walk of Mercy?

It is a pilgrimage. We are visiting three of the Holy Doors in the diocese of Arundel and Brighton in this Year of Mercy. It is both an opportunity to grow in our own faith and friendship.

We will also be fundraising and praying for Parishes for Peace (see link below) helping Christian refugees from the Middle East.

What is the schedule?

- This is a three day walk covering approximately 95km
 - Day 1: Weybridge to Wonersh (35 km)
 - Arrive 08.00 for Morning Prayer. Depart 08.30. Arrive Wonersh approx 19.00
 - Day 2: Wonersh to West Grinstead (35 km)
 - 08.00 Morning Prayer. Depart 08.30. Arrive West Grinstead approx 19.00
 - Day 3: West Grinstead to Arundel (30 km)
 - Morning Prayer 07.00 Depart 07.30. Arrive Arundel approx 16.00. Mass 16.30. Depart 17.30

What will the walking be like?

- Walking is mostly on footpaths and bridleways. There is a minimal amount of walking by the roadside. There is a steep climb on the last day.

Where do we stay?

- First night at Wonersh Seminary
- Second night at Our Lady of Consolation West Grinstead
- Accommodation is simple and basic. We will have a secure, dedicated area at both locations. The area is provided on a shared communal basis for both women and men.

Do we have a bed?

- You will have to bring a sleeping bag and we will be sleeping on the floor or a mat if you bring one.

Are there washing facilities / toilets?

- Toilets are available but there may not be shower facilities at either location.
- There will be sinks and drinking water.

Can I make my own arrangements for accommodation?

- Yes but bear in mind it is bank holiday and booking will need to be early and it may be a distance from the route. You will still need to pay full price as our costs will remain the same.

What if I can only walk for one day?

- That's fine
- Please be at the departure point for that day for Morning Prayer and arrange your own pick up from the destination point at the end of the day.
- There will be a cost of £20 per day. No overnight accommodation or return transportation is provided.

Is there an age limit?

- There is no upper age limit. Young people under the age of 16 years of age can participate with a responsible adult over 18 who must accompany them at all times along the route.

Where will we eat?

- You will need to bring provisions for lunch on the first day.
- On arrival at Wonersh coffee and tea will be available and an Indian takeaway will be delivered for us to share. Breakfast and packed lunch will be provided on the second and third day. When we arrive at West Grinstead you are invited to purchase your own supper at 'The Orchard' which we will be passing en route (booking may be advisable on 01403 865693). There will be the opportunity to buy food along some parts of the route.
- Please make the team aware of any serious allergies.
- Special dietary requirements – you must make your own provision for any particular dietary needs

How much will it cost?

- The cost for the full 3 day pilgrimage is £95. This includes:
 - T-shirt
 - Luggage transportation
 - Route and directions
 - Food
 - Overnight accommodation at Wonersh and West Grinstead

Dogs

- You are welcome to bring your dog but you will need to arrange alternative accommodation.

How will we find the way?

There will be a briefing after morning prayer when you will be given practical information including route directions.

How fit do I need to be?

- The walk will cover approximately 30km per day – you must ensure that you are fit and well enough to participate.

What happens in the event of an emergency?

- Please ensure that you have a contact number of someone who can collect you if necessary if the walk has to be delayed or cancelled at any point due to adverse weather conditions or you are unable to continue for any reason.
- An emergency contact name and number will be required on the application form.

What should I bring?

- We recommend that you pack the following items:
 - Sleeping bag
 - Pyjamas
 - Walking socks
 - Sunscreen
 - Gaiters and waterproof trousers
 - Any other toiletries or clothing essentials tbc
 - torch
- A van will be provided to transport luggage. There is space for one medium size backpack/bag per person. You must load your luggage on the van each morning 10 minutes before the walk is scheduled to start. It will be taken to the destination point for that day for you to offload when you arrive.
- Ensure you take everything you will need throughout the day with you as there will be no access to luggage packed on the van during the course of the day.

Where can I park?

- There is limited parking at the Christ the Prince of Peace church car park and cars cannot be left there by pilgrims over the weekend. It is recommended that you arrive by another means or find alternative parking if you must arrive by car.

How do I get back from Arundel?

- You will need to make your own arrangements but there may be opportunity to get a lift off other pilgrims.

What if it snows?

- Always assume that the walk will proceed and bring appropriate clothing/equipment.

Do I need to fill out an application form?

Yes, all pilgrims will need to fill out an application form.

Useful links

- Toilet link: <http://greatbritishpublictoiletmap.rca.ac.uk/>
- West Grinstead Our lady of consolation: <http://www.consolation.org.uk/>
- Parishes for peace: <http://www.parishesforpeace.com>
- Down's link: to follow
- Route map: to follow