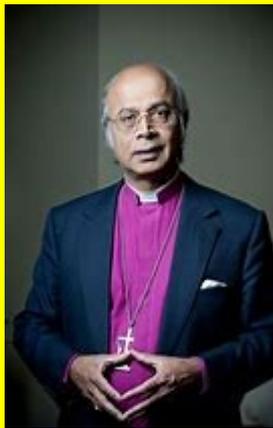


Bulletin 1: Bike Pilgrimage : 2022

-May 14th to June 1st from east Kent to Land's End & Penzance (inland)
June 6th to June 25th from Penzance to east Kent (coastal route)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.....1 Peter. chapter 1. verses 1 and 2.



Michael Nazir Ali, former Bishop of Rochester, and originally from Pakistan, will commission our cycle pilgrimage on Saturday, May 14th at a midday time of praise and prayer at North Foreland Point lighthouse, the most easterly point in Kent. Michael is a strong friend of Release and CSW and knows only too well, what it is for Christians to suffer for Christ.

The first of these monthly bulletins is going to those of you who have expressed an interest in helping us -either as a sponsored cyclist for as long or as short a time as you can manage, or as a car driver to back the cyclists up with their luggage and provision at refreshment stops. Accommodation will be provided by the members of host churches -its at these churches that we will have times for information from Release and CSW and to which we hope many local people will come.

LEAH, abducted in northern Nigeria in 2016, refused to renounce her Christian faith in exchange for freedom. She is still not free.



This bike pilgrimage, of course, has serious purpose. Those of us riding will be doing it for brothers and sisters such as Leah (left) Cyclists will be sponsored by many friends, but beyond us as cyclists, are the thousands of Christian people suffering for their love of Jesus. The bike ride is serious, yes, but it will also be a time of tremendous joy, fun and companionship, as we ride and pray and tease (!) each other and as we receive amazing hospitality from the Christians who will host us.

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Sat, May 14th: Canterbury to North Foreland Point. Commissioning time of prayer. Back to Canterbury for the w/end. Mileage -20 miles each way.

Sun, May 15th, REST DAY in Canterbury.

Mon, May 16th, Canterbury – Maidstone (28 miles)

Tues, May 17th, Maidstone -Orpington/Tun Wells. (28 miles)

Wed, May 18th, Orpington – Sevenoaks (21 miles)

Thurs, May 19th, Sevenoaks – Cheam/Redhill (30 miles)

Fri, May 20th, Cheam/Redhill – North Holmwood (15 miles)

Sat, May 21st, North Holmwood – Godalming (21 miles)

Sun, May 22nd, REST DAY in Godalming.

Mon, May 23rd, Godalming - Winchester (47 miles)

Tues, May 24th, Winchester – Salisbury (23 miles)

Wed, May 25th, Salisbury – Sherborne (43 miles)

Thurs, May 26th, Sherborne – Taunton (34 miles)

Fri, May 27th, Taunton – Barnstaple (45 miles)

Sat, May 28th, Barnstaple – Bude (42 miles)

Sun, May 29th, REST DAY in Bude

Mon, May 30th, Bude – Newquay (46 miles)

Tues, May 31st, Newquay – Hayle (25 miles)

Wed, June 1st, Hayle – Lands End -Penzance (41 miles)

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Mon, June 6th, Penzance – Truro (31 miles)

Tues, June 7th, Truro – St. Austell (15 miles)

Wed, June 8th, St. Austell – Plymouth/ Wembury (44 miles)

Thurs, June 9th, Plymouth – Exeter (45 miles)

Fri, June 10th, Exeter – Seaton (27 miles)

Sat, June 11th, Seaton – Dorchester (35 miles)

Sun, June 12th, REST DAY, in Dorchester.

Mon, June 13th, Dorchester – Bournemoth (33 miles)

Tues, June 14th, Bournemouth – Southampton (36 miles)

Wed, June 15th, Southampton – Portsmouth (21 miles)

Thurs, June 16th, Portsmouth – Chichester (14 miles)

Fri, June 17th, Chichester - Worthing (21 miles)

Sat, June 18th, Worthing – Brighton (21 miles)

Sun, June 19th, REST DAY IN BRIGHTON

Mon, June 20th, Brighton – Eastbourne 26 miles)

Tues, June 21st, Eastbourne – Hastings (18 miles)

Wed, June 22nd, Hastings – Ashford (33 miles)

Thurs, June 23rd, Ashford – Folkstone (16 miles)

Fri, June 24th, Folkstone – Margate/ N. Foreland (30 miles)

Our route west will be inland to Land's End and nearer to the coast as we journey east. Occasionally, we may have two nightly destinations within different churches for our times of prayer. We hope that in each place, Christians will provide us with food and overnight accommodation. We are working on getting overnight venues> Pray that this will all work out.



I have been meeting on line with Audrey Skervin of CSW and Paul Jones and Laura Hayes of RELEASE. I am so grateful for all their time and input into this bike pilgrimage. We have been thinking about sponsorship and the suggestion we will put to cyclists is that cyclists try to raise a £100 sponsorship for each day of riding and that those of us doing the whole thing raise £3000, as a target.

Please pray that we find the right churches as venues for prayer and hosting, lots and lots of cycling pilgrims and enough car back up to carry our worldly possessions!

Every blessing in Christ, Robert

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Phew!