

Sharing the Journey



A monthly newsletter from the Journeying team

June 2022

Dear Friends

A warm welcome to the June edition of *Sharing the Journey*.



*Alone with none but you my God
I journey on my way
What need I fear when you are near
O lord of night and day?
More secure I am within your hand
Than if a crowd did round me stand.
(St Columba)*



Pilgrims on Mull

Today, June 15th, a pilgrim group led by Steve and Karen (<https://www.journeying.co.uk/about/leaders>), gather in Oban, Argyll and from there travel by CalMac ferry to the beautiful Island of Mull. During the groups stay they'll visit abandoned crofting villages in remote locations, cross the narrow strait that separates Mull from the Island of Ulva by foot ferry, and cross the Sound of Iona to Columba's sacred isle... *Bon voyage!*



On the island of Ulva



St Columba

Forever associated with the Island of Iona, Columba's mission field was in fact much wider and his legacy, worldwide....

Born in Donegal, Columba (Colmcille) was ordained before he was twenty-five and spent the early years of his ministry in Ireland before crossing the sea to Scotland and that *sparkling jewel in the Atlantic*, Iona.

St Columba died this month of June in the year 597. His prophesy for Iona:

Iona of my heart, Iona of my love, instead of monks' voices shall be the lowing of cattle; but ere the world shall come to an end, Iona shall be as it was.

Today the Iona Community founded by George MacLeod, continue the mission of the saint, both on the island and worldwide: <https://iona.org.uk/>



View from Iona, by Paul Heppleston



*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,
baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*

(Matthew 28:19 NIVUK)



Along the Journeying Way

Over the next few editions we shall drop-in on a town or village along the Journeying Way, staying just long enough to give a flavour of the place that has been a stopping point for Journeying pilgrims. This month we're in Tenby, Pembrokeshire, next month, Applecross in Wester Ross...



Tenby, or in Cymraeg, Dinbych-y-pysgod, little fortress of the fish.

Journeying Diary entry, June 2014...

"We gathered at various intervals during Friday afternoon and evening in the lovely - but on this occasion very wet - coastal town of Tenby. There were twelve of us in total; Wendy and Gill from Victoria, Alona from Florida, John from Hampshire...

Where to hold evening prayer and where to eat? These two imponderables were uppermost in our thoughts as the dry weather option - eating al fresco in the pretty harbour followed by prayer on the beach - slipped further and further from

our grasp. We considered a Church hall, even a sea cave, but at length settled on some nice fish and chips from an award-winning Fish and Chip shop and evening prayer in the quiet of the hotel lounge" ...

A small town with lots for the *holidaymaker* - Blue flag beaches, picturesque harbour; and for the *pilgrim* – a good selection of Churches, including 800-year-old St Mary’s, led by Rector, Andrew Grace and St Teilo’s Catholic Church (full title, Holyrood and St Teilo’s) named after local Celtic saint, Teilo, led by Fr Mansel Usher... and a mile out of town and across the sea, the Island of Caldey, at various times home to monks as far back as the 6th century, right up to the present day! And for the *locals* - there really is no place like home!

Thank you, Tenby - a place on the Journeying Way... We returned in 2015 and will be back again next year, 13th – 20th May!

Pop Bendith.



Home Again...

Two Journeying groups have recently returned home, one from St Declan’s Way, Ireland (a journey shared with our partners, Waterford Camino Tours), the other from Holy Island, Lindisfarne. Here’s a link to the Holy Island journey blog: <https://www.journeying.co.uk/blog?aid=29502>



Walking along Ardmore beach looking towards the round tower at St Declan’s monastery



Llangorse Lake

Before the next edition of this newsletter is published another group will have been *out and back*, this time to the beautiful Brecon Beacons and Llangorse lake.

Staying just a short distance from the lake shore, and not so far from the site of 5th century Celtic saint, Gastyn’s hermitage, we are well placed to explore the area! More on this particular journey next month.



Find us on Facebook

One way to keep up-to-date with all things Journeying is through our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/JourneyingCelt> another is via the website:

<https://www.journeying.co.uk/about> and of course, through this newsletter. If you have received the newsletter from a friend and would now like to receive a copy regularly, simply complete the form on the Community page of the website:

<https://www.journeying.co.uk/about/our-community>



Summer in the Valley

Tintern Abbey and the Wye Valley

Saturday 13th August, gather at 11 a.m.

From historic Tintern Abbey we walk in the spirit of pilgrimage through the lovely Wye Valley.

Along the Way we'll see part of Offa's Dyke, discover Brockweir village with its whitewashed Moravian Chapel on the banks of the river, admire some wonderful views and listen to readings and reflections for Summer.

All Day walks are free and dog-friendly. For details and to book your place, please follow the link:
<https://www.journeying.co.uk/day-walks2?id=931231>



In the fields above Brockweir village



Ukraine and Russia

We pray for the people of the Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders, and for all people caught up in war...

*God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.*

Psalm 46: 1-3 (NIV)



*Refuge, by Y Journey
the youth wing of Journeying*



Corrymeela Community... *Together is better*

Last July on a journey through Northern Ireland shared with friends from A Rocha, we stayed at the Corrymeela Community's, Ballycastle Centre...

The Community was founded by Ray Davey who as a prisoner of war held in Dresden during WW2, experienced the bombing of that city. It profoundly affected him and while a prisoner he thought about *building community amidst conflict*. In 1965 the Corrymeela site was purchased. From its first days Corrymeela became a place of gathering; *'Corrymeela is people of all ages and Christian traditions who, individually and together, are committed to the healing of social, religious and political divisions that exist in Northern Ireland and throughout the world.'*



Corrymeela is inspired by the idea that *'Together is better'*... <https://www.corrymeela.org/>



Journey leadership

We are always pleased to hear from people interested in discovering more about journey leadership with



Journeying. The focus of the Journeying programme tends to be within the UK and Ireland and over the years the team have taken small groups to most corners of these wild and beautiful islands. If leadership is something you feel you would like to explore do drop an email to: info@journeying.co.uk



Journeying Friends Group

The friends group support Journeying, contributing toward planning and by simply *being there...*

To discover more, please follow the link: <https://www.journeying.co.uk/about/our-community>



Friday Gathering

Each Friday at 10 p.m. (UK time) ... A time to pause and prayerfully hold in our thoughts all those connected with Journeying. We have no particular format and there's no linking over the airwaves. As always, *hope you can be with us.*

Peace on the Way,
The *Journeying* Team.

You are welcome to share this Newsletter with anyone you think might be interested

If you would prefer not to receive news from *Journeying* please reply to this email and let us know

JOURNEYING is a non-profit-seeking company limited by guarantee. Registered company number 06919850

Registered Address: 45 Devonshire Road, Southampton. Hampshire. SO15 2GL.

Est: 1988. PATRON: Rt Revd John Pritchard.