

Sharing the Journey



A monthly newsletter from the Journeying team

October 2021

Dear Friends

Welcome to the October edition of Sharing the Journey!



Where there is no love, put love, and you will draw out love.

(John of the Cross)



Journeying Poetry Competition 2021

As we go to press there is still time to enter, but only just!

Poems inspired by a pilgrim-journey to one or other of the Christian pilgrimage sites of Britain and Ireland, or by a longing to undertake that journey, are invited for the first *Journeying Poetry Competition*.

Poems should be original and unpublished and reach us by midnight on Saturday October 23rd 2021 (GMT). Please follow the link for full competition details: <https://www.journeying.co.uk/blog?aid=27242>

The winner will receive a *first* competition certificate signed by the Judges and ten percent discount on any one of next year's pilgrim-holidays from Journeying. The winning poem will be published on the Journeying website.

THE JUDGES



David Arkell. Recently retired from teaching after 30 years and now working in Dorset as Organist and Choir Director at a rural village church. David's book of poetry 'Divine Loves' was Published in 2019.



Iain Tweedale. Writer of Celtic Blessings and a Director of Journeying.



2022 pilgrim-holiday programme



A warm welcome to all, to our Journey programme 2022!

Set in beautiful locations with strong spiritual connections, each pilgrim journey provides a real away from it all experience – a time to refresh, a time to grow...

St Declan's Way Pilgrimage, Ireland

22nd – 28th May

Holy Island, Lindisfarne – Island of Saints

23rd – 29th May

Croagh Patrick... Ireland's Holy Mountain

31st May – 4th June

Three Islands: Mull, Iona and Ulva – Scotland

15th – 21st June

Irish Camino – Ireland's Ancient East

25th – 30th September

Pembrokeshire, Wales

Date to be confirmed.

For more detail please follow the link: <https://www.journeying.co.uk/journeys-2022>



COP26

When people feel passionately about an issue, walking is quite often a response. This is definitely the case with Climate Change and it sounds as if there may well be a significant number of walkers arriving in Glasgow at the start COP26 in November. Here are two initiatives:

*The YCCN (Young Christian Climate Network) Climate Change Relay began at Carbis Bay in June and will end in Glasgow.

For all the information and the schedule see <https://www.yccn.uk/>

And here's a good introductory article: <https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2021/4-june/news/uk/young-climate-campaigners-750-mile-pilgrimage-will-link-g7-in-cornwall-to-cop26-in-glasgow>

*The Coat of Hopes initiative which is going to Glasgow more on the western side. It features a coat which, once it is completed, will consist of 300 patches created by groups or individuals along its journey route and beyond.

More information here: <https://www.coatofhopes.uk/about>

With thanks to David Pott for the above detail.



St Francis of Assisi

Stories of St Francis abound. Here's two...

One day while out riding, Francis met a leper. Jumping down from his horse, he kissed the person's hand. When the kiss of peace was returned Francis was filled with joy. As he rode off he turned to wave but the leper had disappeared. Francis always looked upon this encounter as a test of God.

While praying in the ruined Church of San Damiano, Francis heard Jesus speak to him, "Francis, repair my Church". Believing Jesus meant the church building he was praying in, he set about the repair.

Where would the material come from for the rebuild?

Francis trusted God would provide. In fact, Francis gave away all that he possessed and trusted.

Francis's *Way* inspired others and gradually reforms in the Church universal began to happen... and the true meaning of Jesus's words, "Repair my Church" became apparent.



Advent in the Valley

A day walk from Tintern Abbey through the beautiful Wye Valley.

Saturday 11th December.

Along the Way we'll discover Brockweir village with its whitewashed Moravian Chapel on the banks of the river, admire some wonderful views only seen at this time of year when the trees have shed their leaves... and listen to readings and reflections for Advent.

For details please follow the link:

<https://www.journeying.co.uk/day-walks?id=667778>



Image: Moravian Chapel, Brockweir.



Annual gathering of the Journeying team

The Journeying team gather each autumn for a time of prayer, reflection and planning. This year we meet, 29th – 31st October. Do pray for us. Thank you!

<https://www.journeying.co.uk/about/leaders>



Welcome Cheryl!

We are delighted to welcome Cheryl Tettmar as the newest member of the Journeying team. A picture and small biography of Cheryl, will be added to the leader's page of the Journeying website, over the coming days.



A Blessing to calm rough seas

By Iain Tweedale

*When you are on a rough sea
May it be calmed for you
When you are in a dark place
May it be lightened for you
When your path has been lost
May it be found again for you
When the view is obscured by cloud
May it be cleared for you
And when you feel alone
Know I will be there for you.*



Image: Pilgrims Crossing the Irish Sea, St Davids Cathedral.



Friday Gathering

As always, hope you can be with us... 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.



Blessings on the Way,
The *Journeying* Team.

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