

**United Reformed Church
North Wales Jubilee Pilgrimage
from Wrexham to Penmaenmawr
16th July to 2nd Oct 2022**

**for walkers, passengers, drivers and pilgrims at home
for the faithful, the explorer, the doubter and the bruised
for the young, the old, the lively and the peaceful
for churches, denominations, neighbours and friends...**



A Jubilee is a time of celebration.

To celebrate the 50th Jubilee of the United Reformed Church, the URC and linked churches in North Wales have decided to share a pilgrimage from Wrexham to Penmaenmawr.

Each Saturday we will travel by foot, bus, train or car from one church to the next. When we arrive at a church we will have refreshments and a time of prayer together. The next day, a special service of Sunday worship will focus on God's faithfulness to us in providing us with the Water of Life.

When we are on pilgrimage, we leave behind the everyday and set time aside for God. With it comes the joy of simplicity, nature's beauty, achievement and fellowship. But a pilgrimage also has an element of struggle. When we are away from our usual comforts we can become weary and long for rest. Yet God is still there alongside us, our pilgrimage offering us insights into the highs and lows of everyday lives.

Refreshment comes in realising that God is always present with us and will sustain us. Rebalance comes in realising that much in our everyday lives is a distraction from what really matters to us. We have commissioned Andrew, a young URC member, to hand-carve this bowl for us to take the on the walks as a symbol of both refreshment and unity.

Whoever you are, wherever you live, whatever you believe, look through this booklet and find a journey or two that suit you. Maybe grab a friend or neighbour to come along too.

Become a pilgrim for the day!



How to have a Pilgrim Taster Day

- Choose the walk or walks that suit you and contact the walk co-ordinator to say you are coming. Ask any questions.
- Make sure you book in with the co-ordinator at by the Monday before the walk.
- Complete the contact form on page 15 and hand it or post it to your walk co-ordinator. Or text/email a photo of the form to them. Alternatively use the link <https://forms.office.com/r/AcBAqvNvD4> for on-line booking.
- See if any family or friends can join you, or make new contacts along the way!

Everyone please bring:

- this booklet (you will need it) and your specs!
- bus pass or bus money
- donation for WaterAid
- any medication you might require
- a light waterproof jacket,

Walkers will also need:

- Strong, comfortable shoes such as trainers
- drink and light snack
- hat, sun cream (depending on the weather forecast)

For longer walks you will also need:

- a packed lunch.

Also consider:

- long trousers (especially walk 1)
- walking sticks
- spare warm clothing

Arrangements may need to change in adverse weather. Contact your co-ordinator. Remember to book in by the Monday before the walk at the very latest!

1. Saturday 23rd July. From Salisbury Park URC

9 Percy Road, Wrexham, LL13 7EA to Mold

Meet at church for 9:45am

Train to Penyffordd, then walk for 5 miles through fields and along country lanes and then pavements (includes rough tracks and styles). Refreshments at Mold from 2:30-3:30pm

Bus back to Wrexham by 5:30pm

Co-ordinator: Mark Rodgers markrodgers73@outlook.com

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2. Saturday 30th July. From United Church

Tyddyn Street, Mold, CH7 1DX to Buckley

Meet at church for 12:30pm

Gentle walk for 3 miles along roadside pavements and past Buckley school. Refreshments at Buckley 3:15-4:15pm

Back to Mold by bus for 5pm

Co-ordinator: Mike Dugdale, mike@dugdale.net

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3. Saturday 6th August. From St John's URC

Hawkesbury Rd, Buckley, CH7 3HX to Ewloe Green

Meet at church for 1pm

Walk for 2 miles along pavements and Etna Country Park footpaths. Refreshments at Ewloe Green from 3-4pm

Back to Buckley by bus for 4:45pm

Co-ordinator: Sian Hughes sianweigh@aol.com

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4. Saturday 13th August. From Presbyterian Church

Mold Rd, Ewloe Green, CH5 3AU to Shotton

Meet at church for 12:30pm

Gentle walk for 2½ miles downhill along pavements and footpaths. Refreshments at Shotton from 2:30-3:30pm

Lifts back to Ewloe Green for 4pm

Co-ordinator: Sue Ford sue.ford@homecall.co.uk

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**5. Saturday 20th August. From Rivertown Church
Chester Rd West, Shotton, CH5 1BX to Flint**

Meet at church for 11:45am

Walk for 2¾ miles along the Coast Path to Connah's Quay,
then bus. Refreshments at Flint from 2:15-3:15pm

Back to Shotton by bus for 4pm

**Co-ordinator: Linsey Dentith linseydentith@hotmail.com
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**6. Saturday 27th August. From St John's with Bagillt URC
84 Church St, Flint, CH6 5AF to Holywell**

Meet at church for 9:30am

Walk for 7½ miles along coast to Greenfield and up through
the Heritage Park. Shorter walk with lift in a car a possibility

Refreshments at Holywell from 2:30-3:30pm

Back to Flint by Bus for 4pm

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**7. Saturday 3rd September. From St Peter's, Rose Hill
Holywell, CH8 7TL to Dyserth**

Meet at church for 1pm

Scenic tour by car through neighbouring villages

Alternative 10½ mile route walking or cycling a possibility

Refreshments at Dyserth from 2:45-3:45pm

Back to church by car for 4pm

**Co-ordinator: Donna Jones, d.m.jones65@hotmail.com
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**8. Saturday 10th September. From Horeb URC, 7 High St
Dyserth, LL18 6AB to Rhyl**

Meet at church for 10:15am

Walk on pavements for 5 miles past golf course to Highlands

Close then bus. Alternative journey by bus a possibility.

Refreshments at Rhyl from 14:30-15:30pm

Bus back to Dyserth for 4pm

**Co-ordinator: Jennifer Jones, dorjones56@btinternet.com
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**9. Saturday 17th September. From Christ Church
United Church, 9 Water St, Rhyl, LL18 1SP to Rhos**

Meet at church for 9:45am

Walk along the Coast Path for 6-7 miles then travel by bus

Alternative journey by bus a possibility

Refreshments at Rhos from 2:30-3:30

Back to church for 5pm

**Co-ordinator: Anthea Davies, antheadavies202@gmail.com
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**10. Saturday 24th September. From Rhos URC,
Colwyn Ave, Rhos on Sea, LL28 4RA to Llandudno**

Meet at church for 11:30am

Walk for 5 miles along Coastal Path and pavements

Alternative journey by bus a possibility

Refreshments at Llandudno from 2:30-3:30pm

Back to Rhos by bus for 4:30pm

**Co-ordinator: Carolyn Ridding carolyn.ridding@gmail.com
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**11. Saturday 1st October. From Gloddaeth Church,
27 Chapel St, Llandudno, LL30 2SY to St Paul's United Ch,
Bangor Rd Penmaenmawr, LL34 6LF**

Meet at church for 8 am

Walk to West Shore for bus to Conwy. Walk for 7½ miles, with
500m along North Wales Path over Conwy Mountain and
Sychnant Pass

Refreshments at Penmaenmawr from 2:45-4:15pm

Back to Llandudno by bus for 5:30pm

Walkers from Penmaenmawr

- Meet at church at 8:30am
- Catch 9:07 train to Conwy. Meet walkers from Llandudno at
11am in Lancaster Sq. Walk and refreshments as above

**Co-ordinators: Carol Reynolds c.croxton978@btinternet.com
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Pilgrim Prayers (for use any day!)

*It is our openness to God that transforms a walk
into a pilgrimage*

- 1. Pray together to offer your day to God*
- 2. Pray as you travel, looking out for the presence of Jesus*
- 3. Celebrate God's faithfulness as you share refreshments*

1. Gathering Worship to begin the journey

Reading Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognising him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" (Luke 24:13-17)

Prayers *(prayed aloud by individuals or by everyone)*

A: Lord, be our guide and our protector on the journey we are about to take. Watch over us. Protect us from the elements. Keep us free from harm to body and soul.
Lord, support us when we are tired.
Help us be patient in any trouble which may come our way.
Keep us always mindful of your presence and love. Amen

B: Allow more and more thoughts of your thinking
to come into our hearts, day by day,
till there shall at last be an open road between you and us,
and your angels may go up and down amongst us,
so that we may be in your heaven,
even while we are upon your earth. Amen
(Where earth and heaven meet by George MacDonald)

(with one person holding the bowl)

C: We thank you, Lord, for the gift of living water. Guide us to use it wisely, learn from its humility, consume it sparingly, and protect its purity, so that we may truly enjoy water. Amen

(each person to say individually)

D: In the name of God, I go on this journey.
May God the Father be with me, God the Son protect me,
and God the Holy Spirit be by my side.

2. During the walk

Musings and questions

Look around you and listen on the walk today...

- What can you see? What can you hear?
- How are you feeling?
- What might God be saying to you through this?
- What might your response be?
- Who/what will you pray for as you walk?

Readings and prayers

A: The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you;
he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid;
do not be discouraged. (Deuteronomy 31:8)

B: Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens
and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm.
Nothing is too hard for you. (Jeremiah 32:17)

C: But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow
weary, they will walk and not be faint. (Isaiah 40:31)

D: In our journeying with you,
may we never lose our sense of direction,
never lose sight of the landmark, towards which we travel.
And should cloud or rain obscure our vision,
may we draw closer to you, so that our feet may tread
in your footsteps, your words be our encouragement,
and your love our protection, on our pilgrim journey. Amen

E: How wonderful, O Lord, are the works of your hands!
The heavens declare your glory,
The arch of the sky displays your handiwork.
In your love you have given us the power
to behold the beauty of your world in all its splendour.
Amen (from Psalm 19)

F: Lord, be with us to lead us,
within us to strengthen us,
around us to protect us,
above us to raise us,
beneath us to uphold us,
before us to lead us,
behind us to guard us,
ever about us, this day and evermore,
this day and evermore. Amen
(from 'The Rhythm of Life' David Adam)



3. Worship together after refreshments

Get everyone to stop, sit and share a time of prayer together.

Praise God for his faithfulness and his provision for us.

Seek his blessing on the church and community where we are gathered, and the wider URC.

Prayer *(before handing over of the bowl)*

We praise you loving God for your protection and nurture throughout this day. We praise you too for the signs of your presence that we have encountered. Thank you for the welcome and nourishment we have received in this place and the fellowship that we have shared together.

We lift our hearts with thanksgiving and sing praise for your faithfulness and love in the work and life of the United Reformed Church in this year of jubilee. Take us, remake us, and challenge us with a Spirit-filled, world-transforming call to bring love and new life in Jesus wherever you call us. Amen

Reading

For I am about to do something new.

See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?

I will make a pathway through the wilderness.

I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.

The wild animals in the fields will thank me,

the jackals and owls, too, for giving them water in the desert.

Yes, I will make rivers in the dry wasteland

so my chosen people can be refreshed. (Isaiah 43:19-20)

Blessing

God's Blessing on...(name of the church)

God's blessing on the families, God's blessing on the children

God's blessings on those who live alone

God's blessing on those in education

God's blessing on those in work

God's blessing on those who are in church

God's blessing on those with no work and those who are retired

God's blessing on those who are weak and those who are strong

The blessing of the father who loves us

The blessing of the son who died for us

The blessing of the spirit who comforts and leads

Blessing of the one God be on this community

today and always. Amen

Reading

By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on, but they begged him, "Stay the night with us, since it is getting late." So he went home with them. As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And at that moment he disappeared! They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:28-32)

Prayer

Give strength to those who have grown weary, doubtful, or disillusioned along the road of faith, now wanting to rest awhile or take a different route. Open their eyes again as with those two disciples on the Emmaus Road. Let them hear your word, feel your gentle touch and know that it is you still walking by their side. Resurrect their faith, bring to them new life, we pray. Amen

Responsive prayer

God beyond us,
forming us in your likeness,
delighting in all that you create:

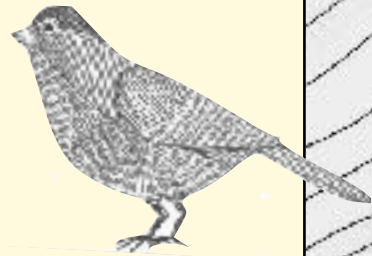
**We turn to you,
we are made by you
our hearts are restless
until they find their rest in you.**

God beside us,
companion on the road,
who has come to give us life
in all its fullness:

**We listen for you
we yearn for you,
we seek your healing touch.**

God within us,
closer than our breathing,
present at the heart of all that is:

**We are waiting for you,
we are open to you,
as you waken us with promise of new life.**



(Each person to say individually)

Lord and God of power,
shield and sustain me as I journey this day.

Song *(to be read or sung)*

River, wash over me,
cleanse me and make me new;
bathe me, refresh me and fill me anew
river, wash over me.

Spirit, watch over me,
lead me to Jesus' feet;
cause me to worship and fill me anew
Spirit, watch over me.

Jesus, rule over me,
reign over all my heart;
teach me to praise you and fill me anew
Jesus, rule over me.

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Celtic Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face.
May the rain fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again.
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 50th Anniversary Celebrations

Water is refreshing, startling, soothing, refreshing.

Water represents the unifying, healing, reviving work of the Holy Spirit among us.

You are warmly invited to attend any of these services. If you require the materials for leading a service contact Pete Fawcett, 07833 453748 pfawcett2000@yahoo.co.uk

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10:30am Sunday 31st July Worship at St John's URC Hawkesbury Rd, Buckley, CH7 3HX

9:45am Sunday 7th August Worship at Presbyterian Church, Mold Rd, Ewloe Green, CH5 3AU

11am Sunday 14th August Worship at Rivertown Church Chester Rd West, Shotton, CH5 1BX

11am Sunday 21st August Worship at St John's with Bagillt URC, 84 Church St, Flint, CH6 5AF

11:15am Sunday 28th August Worship at St Peter's Rose Hill, Holywell, CH8 7TL

10:30am Sunday 4th September Worship at Horeb URC 7 High St, Dyserth, LL18 6AB

11am Sunday 11th September Worship at Christ Church United Church, 9 Water St, Rhyl, LL18 1SP

11am Sunday 18th September Worship at Rhos-on-Sea URC, Colwyn Ave, Rhos on Sea, LL28 4RA

10:30am Sunday 25th September Worship at Gloddaeth Church, 27 Chapel St, Llandudno, LL30 2SY

11am Sunday 2nd October Worship at St Paul's United Church, Bangor Rd Penmaenmawr, LL34 6LF

The charity WaterAid posts on its website:

“Right now, millions of people living in some of the lowest-income countries in the world don't have clean water to drink, decent toilets to use or good hygiene to protect themselves. Without these basics, overcoming poverty is just a dream.

But when you help WaterAid dig a well or install a tap in a community, you're changing people's lives. Clean water helps people dream again. We'll keep working until everyone, everywhere has clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene. But we can't do it without you.”

Please consider whether you can express your appreciation of God's faithfulness to us by making a donation to WaterAid.

Offerings will be received at the refreshments on Saturdays and in the Sunday services. Or you can make an online donation directly through wateraid.org





‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, “Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” (John 7: 37-38)