There is no charge for the Pilgrimage, although donations towards the cost of the tea will be invited on the day. We need you to book to ensure that we are ready to welcome you. Bookings open 1 June 2019: www.chch.ox.ac.uk/pilgrimage.

Please note:
Each route will be guided by an experienced pilgrimage group leader, and there will be pauses for reflection at points along the way. While every effort will be made to keep everyone safe, please be aware that you are walking at your own risk.

The routes have been chosen to offer a range of distances and difficulties. Route B will include activities designed to bring the experience of pilgrimage alive for children up to the age of 11. Please think carefully how far you are comfortably able to walk, and bear in mind that all the routes except Route B have stiles.

If you are unable to join a walking group, you are most welcome to take part in the Pilgrimage by joining us at the Cathedral during the afternoon.

Please note that there is no parking at the Cathedral. We regret that we are not able to provide transport to and from the start and end points of the routes. You may find it easiest to park in a public car park in Oxford, and take public transport back to your starting point. Otherwise you may like to consider lift shares with friends.

For more information, contact 01865 286165 or cathedral@chch.ox.ac.uk
Dear friends

We’re delighted to invite you to take part in our inaugural St Frideswide Pilgrimage on the saint’s day, Saturday 19 October.

People have always gone on journeys to enrich their spiritual lives. The desire seems deeply ingrained in human nature. Pilgrimage can be a way of nurturing and sustaining our inner life – and helping us to become a more ‘Contemplative’ Church.

Christians have felt drawn to pray at the Shrine of St Frideswide for many centuries. Indeed, the Priory on which our Cathedral was built was an important destination for medieval pilgrims. And today, pilgrimage is enjoying something of a boom.

We’re offering a range of guided walks of varying lengths, bringing pilgrims in to the city of Oxford from all points of the compass and all corners of the diocese. Three of the routes make use of the Thames Pilgrim Way, inaugurated by Bishop John in 2014.

So do consider joining us, whether you are a seasoned pilgrim, or entirely new to the idea. Just come with a pilgrim spirit.

We look forward to welcoming you.

+Steven, Bishop of Oxford
Canon Edmund Newey, Sub Dean

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Route A1 (Friday):
Thebes Path South
Dorchester to Abingdon (9 miles)
Meet at Dorchester Abbey at 11am.

Route A2 (Saturday):
Thebes Path South
Abingdon to the Cathedral (8 miles)
Meet on the Thames Path beneath Abingdon Bridge at 11am.

Route B (Saturday):
Thebes Path South for Families
Iffley Lock to the Cathedral (1.5 miles)
Meet at Iffley Lock at 2:15pm

Route D (Saturday):
Thebes Path North
Swinford to the Cathedral (7.5 miles)
Meet on the Thames Path below Swinford Toll Bridge at 11:30am

Route E (Saturday):
East
Islip to the Cathedral (8 miles)
Meet at St Nicholas Church, Islip at 10:30am

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