

Easter Monday Youth Pilgrimage 2010

We've Just Celebrated Easter But what's the point?

Date: 5 April 2010
Venue: Canterbury Cathedral
Time: 12 Noon – 2.45pm
Guest Speaker: Russell Rook (Chapelstreet.org)

Welcome to the E-update for the Easter Monday Youth Pilgrimage 2010. This e-update replaces the Pilgrim Pack which was sent out by post in previous years. The information available in this email will also be available on-line at

<http://www.canterburydiocese.org/bmt/localministries/youthministry/eastermonday/> .

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Timetable of the Day

10.00am	Mini pilgrimage leaves Chartham
10.30am	Mini pilgrimages leave Sturry and Patricxbourne
12.00pm	Pilgrims begin to enter Cathedral Nave
12.15pm	Start of welcome service
12.45pm	Lunch and activities (See Activity Programme)
1.45pm	Pilgrims begin to return to Cathedral Nave
2.00pm	Start of Main Service
2.45pm	Close

Pre-Pilgrimage Planning Checklist

- Obtain PCC approval for the Pilgrimage.
- Check that the church insurance will cover the pilgrimage.
- Recruit sufficient adults to supervise the walk and the activities at the cathedral. Ensure that all helpers have an enhanced CRB disclosure. Group leaders remain responsible for members of their group at all times.
- Nominate someone (preferably qualified) to be the designated first-aider for the group. Ensure that your first aid box is in date.
- Obtain written consent, a signed health form and an emergency contact from a parent or guardian for each child.
- Plan your route taking note of any possible hazards e.g.. Blind bends.
- Brief all helpers on their role, road safety and any specific issues they need to be aware of.
- HAVE FUN!!

Pilgrimages

Do you already include a time of pilgrimage in your Easter Monday Celebration? Would you like to walk into Canterbury Cathedral with groups from other churches? If yes you may like to consider walking from one of three start points. Each route is along a designated footpath. These are not officially led walks and group leaders remain responsible for the safety and well being of their group members throughout. (Please see the Walk Safely attachment) To allow pilgrims to reach the Cathedral in good time it is vital that they set off at the times indicated. Please allow time for your arrival and use of toilets etc.

Sturry (approximately 2½ Miles)

Groups should depart Sturry Parish Church at 10.30am and follow the Stour Valley walk into Canterbury and the Cathedral. Limited parking is available at the Hamels off Church Lane, Sturry. Sturry church will be open prior to the walk and has a toilet. Additional toilet facilities may be available at Sturry Station.

Chartham (approximately 4 Miles)

Groups should depart from outside Chartham Village Hall at 10.00am and follow the Stour Valley Walk into Canterbury and the Cathedral. Please note that this walk will cross the A28 and extra close supervision of your group is required at this point. Parking and toilet facilities are available in the Village Hall (please remove footwear before entering village hall)

Patricbourne (approximately 3 miles)

Groups should depart Patricbourne church at 10.30am and follow the North Downs Way into Canterbury and the Cathedral. Please note that there are no toilet facilities at Patricbourne church. Parking is available at Bekesbourne Recreation Ground (Old Palace Road, Patricbourne)

Arrangements for Banners and Seating

Seating – The Easter Monday Youth Pilgrimage is a non-seated event. Pilgrims sit on the floor during the service. For the benefit of those with mobility problems, fixed seating is provided in designated areas. Seating must not be moved from these areas

Banners – Many groups bring a banner to the Easter Monday Youth Pilgrimage and these are paraded into the Cathedral at the start of the welcome service. Banner bearers (1-2 people) should congregate near the Great West Door (stewards will direct them to the right place) the rest of the group should enter the cathedral and find a place to sit.

Lunch and Activity Programme

During the Lunch break (12.45pm – 1.45pm) there will be an activity programme which pilgrims are free to dip in and out of at their leisure.

Activity	Venue
Chill Out Café	Chapter House
Giant Games	Herb Garden / Water Garden
Creative Prayer	Eastern Crypt
Craft Activity	Western Crypt

** In the event of bad weather this activity may be moved to another venue or be cancelled. Please listen for service announcements.*

Retiring Collection – Poverty and Hope Appeal

The retiring collection at this year's Easter Monday Youth Pilgrimage will be in aid of the Diocesan Poverty and Hope Appeal. This is an annual appeal which raises funds for a variety of projects around the world, including in Madagascar. For more information on the Poverty and Hope Appeal and projects they have supported visit

<http://www.canterburydiocese.org/povertyandhope/index.htm>

Wheelchair Access to Canterbury Cathedral

Nave - Wheelchair users should enter the Nave of Canterbury Cathedral via the Northwest Door. There is no seating in the Nave for this service and wheelchair users are able to sit in the main body of the Nave with their group.

Chapter House and Cloisters - Exit Nave by Northwest Door. Either use the Mobilift into the Great Cloister or go round the outside of the cathedral to enter the Great Cloister. The Chapter House is accessed by the Great Cloister.

Crypt - Enter by the North Door and use the permanent ramp. Exit by the same route.

A map showing the wheelchair access routes can be downloaded at <http://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/pdf/visits/disabled%20leaflet.pdf>

Food and Drink

Food and Drink must not be consumed in the Cathedral. Food and Drink may be eaten in the Cloisters and Chapter House and in the Cathedral precincts.

Information on this year's contributors

Guest Speaker - This year's guest speaker is Russell Rook CEO of Chapel Street.org. Until recently Russell oversaw the provision of youth and young adult services for the Salvation Army through his role as Director of ALOVE. For more information on Chapel Street.org visit <http://www.chapelstreet.org>

Worship Band – This year's worship band is the St Luke's Maidstone, Detling Band. For more information on the Detling Conference visit <http://www.detling.com>

Posters and Flyers

Easter Monday posters and flyers are available for download from <http://www.canterburydiocese.org/bmt/localministries/youthministry/eastermonday/>