



A Journey in Prayer - Study Guide for the Teaching Series

Week 9 – Sunday 14th June 2020: Pilgrimage

Please read Psalm 84.5-7; Luke 9.51-56

1. What can we learn about pilgrimage from Psalm 84, and from Jesus, the perfect pilgrim?
2. How, on our pilgrim journey 'Home' will we overcome rejection, resist temptation, and receive the blessing of pilgrimage? (see also Hebrews 11.13-16)

Throughout the Old Testament, the people of God made regular pilgrimage journeys to Jerusalem festivals of worship to God at the Temple. God's people were also directed by Him to mark places of spiritual significance, for the benefit of people travelling this way in the future.

Please read Joshua 4.4-7

3. What spiritual blessings may result from an Israelite family journeying to visit this pile of stones, say 20 years after the event of Joshua 4?
4. Apart from the church premises at Hill Cliffe, which places are spiritually significant in your journey of faith? And why? How might you arrange a pilgrimage (actually or virtually) to one of these places with your family or a friend, to enable you to share a significant moment in your life of pilgrimage in following Jesus?

Thinking about a possible 'pilgrimage' to Hill Cliffe's grounds with your family/ friends, or for silent prayer and reflection inside the building in due course....

5. What memories come to mind even now as you reflect on significant spiritual moments or events or encounters at Hill Cliffe, in your own walk with God? Give God thanks together for some of these. Who would you love to invite with you on a walk up to Hill Cliffe to share these memories of God? Please pray about that together.
6. As you walk on pilgrimage, or just go for a walk around your streets, please pray for a blessing on the people, the shops, the businesses, the schools, the services, the parish and local governors – for peace, protection, justice, and salvation.