

### **Sponsored Walk for**

# the Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Walk to support vulnerable and marginalised people in our diocese

## Godalming to Guildford (south to north) along the River Wey Navigation Towpath (6 miles)

'Whether you walk to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, "This is the way, walk in it." Isaiah 30.21

Walk starts at St Peter and St Paul Church, Church Street, Godalming, GU7 1ER

Gather from about 12.00pm for refreshments kindly provided by St Peter and St Paul

Informal prayers and depart at 12.30pm

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As this is the shorter walk we will not be stopping on route, so bring enough water and any snacks you might need. There are no toilet facilities on this route.

Arrive St Mary's, Quarry Street, Guildford between 2.30 and 3.00pm

- hopefully at the same time as the West Byfleet (north/south) route walkers.

St Mary's are kindly offering refreshments.

There will be short act of worship together before departing.

To donate to the appeal go to: https://localgiving.org/appeal/Walk-the-Wey-2023/

The Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund provides finance for church-based projects which support people with disabilities and mental ill-health, provide facilities and services for older citizens, children and young people, support families and disadvantaged communities, provide practical help for the financially challenged and offer training and skills programmes for young people.

#### **Travel Information**

#### Godalming to Guildford on the Wey Navigation Towpath Duration approx 2 1/2 hours

- Arriving by Car: Park in Godalming Station Car Park (fee), Station Approach,
  Godalming GU7 1EU. St Peter & St Paul Church is a 2-minute walk down Station
  Approach and Station Road to Church Street. Other car parks nearby include Crown
  Court Car Park, the Burys, GU7 1HR and Mill Lane Car Park GU7 1HF.
- 2. **OR** Train to Godalming Station and follow the instruction above for a 2-minute walk to the church.
- 3. Gather at St Peter and Paul Church, Church Street, Godalming, GU7 1ER by kind permission of Canon John Harkin Priest-in-charge. Light refreshments from about 12 noon ready for prayers and depart at 12.30pm.
- 4. The walk ends at St Mary's Church, Quarry Street, Guildford, where we hope to meet up with those walking the north/south route from West Byfleet.
- 5. Refreshments will be kindly provided by St Mary's and a short act of worship will take place to end the day. Many thanks to the members of St Mary's for their hospitality.

#### NB Please read this carefully

- This walk is for moderately fit walkers due to the distance, and is done at your own risk. The towpath is easy walking and level.
- The towpath can be muddy and slippery, especially if it has been wet in the run up to the walk.
- Consequently, the event is not suitable for young children, anyone with mobility challenges, or who are unable to maintain a reasonable pace.
- Obedient dogs on leads are welcome. Please be aware that there may be some present who are nervous around dogs, and be sensitive to their needs.
- Please wear suitable clothing for the weather, and sturdy walking shoes or boots.
- Please carry your own water and snacks.
- There are will be 2 walk stewards: Claire Isherwood and one other. Please follow their guidance for your own safety.

#### N.B. IF THE WEATHER MAKES IT UNSAFE TO PROCEED YOU WILL BE INFORMED BY TEXT

#### Returning

Arrange a car share from your end point. Millbrook car park is off the A281 at the junction with Quarry Street in Guildford.

**Or** Trains from Guildford to Godalming leave at 03, 25 and 33 minutes past the hour. The journey takes less than 10 minutes. Guildford Station is a short walk from St Mary's.

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