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

# West Byfleet to Guildford, via Cartbridge (New Inn) North to South along the River Wey Navigation Towpath (12.5 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

Full walk starts at St John the Baptist Church, Camphill Road, West Byfleet, KT14 6EH Gather from 8.45am for refreshments kindly provided by St John the Baptist. Informal prayers and depart at 9.00am

We hope to arrive at the New Inn, Send Road, Cartbridge, Send GU23 7EN by about 11.30am for anyone who wishes to join us for a shorter walk of 6.5 miles. *Steve Isherwood (07545 045312) is the contact on the day for those joining here* 

Lunch will be a picnic at Bowers Lock about one hour's walk from Cartbridge. There are no facilities there.

Arrive St Mary's, Quarry Street, Guildford between 2.30 - 3.00pm – hopefully at the same time as the Godalming (south/north) 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**: <u>https://localgiving.org/appeal/Walk-the-Wey-2023/</u> 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**

#### West Byfleet to Guildford via Cartbridge, Send on the River Wey Navigation Towpath (6 hrs)

- Arriving by Car: Limited parking at St John's, depending on their hall bookings (approx 20 cars). Long term car park 5 mins walk from the church (Woodlands Ave, KT14 6AT) with reasonable rates. Some roadside parking nearby, but check carefully to see if it is free to use on Saturdays.
- 2. **OR** Train to West Byfleet Station, exit to the south and turn left to walk along Lavender Park Road. St John the Baptists church is a 5-minute walk.
- 3. Gather at St John the Baptist Church, Camphill Road, KT14 6EH by kind permission of the Revd Keith Elford, Priest-in-charge. Light refreshments from 8.45am ready for prayers and depart at 9.00am.
- 4. The walk ends at St Mary's Church, Quarry Street, Guildford, where we hope to meet up with those walking the south/north route from Godalming.
- 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 those 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 picnic.
- There are 2 walk stewards: Steve Isherwood and Richard Peters. 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 on the A281 at the junction with Quarry Street in Guildford.

**Or** Trains from Guildford to West Byfleet leave at 19, 34 and 49 minutes past the hour (change at Woking). The journey takes about 20 mins. Guildford Station is a short walk from St Mary's.

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