

Templar Pilgrimage Trust



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A DOWN-AND-UP TIME

After the truly extraordinary year of 2020, who knew what 2021 would bring?

The year began with England in lockdown and travel severely restricted. But as 2021 progressed and restrictions eased bit by bit, travel started increasing. Our experience tracked this trend.

The early months of 2021 were quiet. Then applications started to pick up, as we heard from pilgrims planning to travel later in the year.

We gave grants to a pilgrimage for young adults travelling along the Argyll coast [featured in our November 2021 Newsletter]; to a priest travelling the Pilgrim Way to Canterbury; and to a

student for ministry planning to travel to the Holy Land.

By the end of 2021, the number of applications was starting to increase. In the first quarter of 2022, it was close to pre-pandemic levels.

After two years with little happening, in 2022 pilgrims are travelling again.



As 2021 was a relatively quiet year, we were able to cover grant payments and insurance expenses from donations received, even though donations were much lower than before the pandemic.

With applications starting to increase in 2022, we need to increase our donation income so that we can help many more pilgrims.

If you can, please donate using [this link to our website](#).

Thank you.

ROSEMARY NUTT

The news of Rosemary's sudden death in January 2022 came as a great shock to us. Rosemary became a TPT Trustee in 2018. She was an expert, with over 30 years' experience of planning and running pilgrimages. She used her expertise and experience to good effect, helping the rest of us to understand better the practical aspects of pilgrimage today. We count ourselves privileged to have worked with her as our fellow Trustee.

We send our condolences to Rosemary's family and to her colleagues at McCabe Travel. May she rest in peace.



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STAY-PILGRIMAGES

With the increasing popularity of staycations, more attention is being paid to pilgrim routes and sites in the UK.

There are one-day pilgrimage routes for most **English cathedrals**. **St Thomas Way** has 13 locations, each with a circular walk, which you can visit in any order, along a route from Swansea to Hereford. **The Old Way**, a coastal route from Southampton to Canterbury, is being revived by the British Pilgrimage Trust. **The Kentigern Way** from Annan to Glasgow recreates one of St Kentigern's missionary journeys.

Remembering places of pilgrimage affected by war - a prayer for peace.

God Our Father, you created the nations of the earth as one family. Remove far from us, we pray, the evil of war; pour out on the nations of the world your Spirit of peace; restrain the passions of those planning aggression; strengthen the hearts of those striving for justice; and hasten the time when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Website

You can read copies of Newsletters going back to 2019 on our website. There you can see more about our work, find out about pilgrimage shrines, and read what pilgrims themselves have said. You can also make donations through the website.

Have a look and see where the website may lead you!



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