

Templar Pilgrimage Trust



ON THE ROAD AGAIN...

In 2022, for the first time since the pandemic, the number of pilgrims travelling increased significantly. We saw the number of applications rise almost to pre-pandemic levels.

It was good to see more pilgrims travelling overseas. We helped pilgrims to the Holy

Land and to Lourdes, as well as to less well-known places such as the shrine of St John the Evangelist on the Greek island of Patmos and the Seven Churches of the Revelation in Turkey.

At the same time, there was a good number of domestic pilgrimages. We helped pilgrimages to Walsingham and to Rochester, as well as a

pilgrimage visiting the 12 ancient churches along the Ridgeway and an Easter Cross walk to Worth Abbey in Sussex.

We gave grants to solo pilgrims, to parish and school groups, to a clergy study group and to students training for ministry - helping them all travel their own pilgrim road.



Our overriding aim is to make grants to as broad a range of pilgrims as possible. Because we are a small charity, the grants we make tend to be relatively modest.

We want to help more pilgrims. We want to give them bigger grants.

To help us help them, please donate if you can, using [this link to our website](#).

Thank you.

PEOPLE WE MET...

One of last year's pilgrims wrote after returning:

Another aspect of the pilgrimage which was particularly wonderful was the people we met I had expected to visit sacred spaces but what I had not anticipated were the wonderful people we met along the way



THE BIBLE BROUGHT TO LIFE...

Another pilgrim wrote:

Visiting the Holy Land for the first time is one of the best experiences I have ever had. It was incredibly moving, and it brought the stories in the Bible to life. What I really appreciated was that the trip took us through the Gospel story.



In 2021, we gave a priest a grant towards the costs of walking The Pilgrims' Way from Winchester to Canterbury. The priest sent us a reflection on that pilgrimage experience, concluding:

I cannot thank the Trust enough for making it possible for me to undertake this pilgrimage, which has restored my body, mind and soul.

Visit our website to read the whole story of that extraordinary journey.



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