

# Templar Pilgrimage Trust



Great St Bernard Pass

## MAKING THEIR WAY...

Even in a time of pandemic, pilgrimages have continued. Intrepid pilgrims have made their own way, some following in the steps of medieval predecessors.

Early this year, we gave a grant to two students planning to walk the Via Francigena to Rome this summer.

They set off in July, camping most nights. Strangers kindly helped by giving food, water and sometimes even places to stay.

They arrived in Rome in the last week of September during a thunderstorm, a scene they described as 'unforgettable'.

They told us their pilgrimage had been a 'profound experience'.

In a spirit of charity, after the end of their pilgrimage, the pilgrims gave their tent and cooking equipment to refugees living under the Ponte Sant' Angelo.



The Via Francigena starts in Canterbury, runs through France and Switzerland, crosses the Alps into Italy and ends in Rome, a distance of about 2,000 km. It has been an important pilgrim route for over a thousand years. In 990, Sigeric, the Archbishop of Canterbury, travelled the Via Francigena to Rome and described the return journey to Canterbury in a journal.

## COVID

After lockdown started, many pilgrimages were postponed and pilgrimage sites closed to safeguard pilgrims' health. Easter pilgrimages to Lourdes were affected.

Despite postponements, pilgrims remain keen to travel.

Many have already started planning for 2021. A few pilgrims have still managed to make their own way.

As soon as circumstances and regulations allow, we expect postponed pilgrimages to start going ahead in some form.



## HELP PILGRIMS WALK THEIR PATH

Despite the effects of COVID, people remain drawn to and interested in pilgrimage. Pope Francis offers one reason why pilgrimage remains important "*Pilgrimage is a symbol of life. It makes us think of life as walking, as a path.*"

Pilgrims each seek to walk their own path and we work to help make their journeys possible.

If you do not currently support the Trust and are able to do so, please donate, either by a one-off payment or regularly by a standing order, using the attached form.

'We are really grateful for your help in getting us there... it has been essential.'

Many thanks to Megan and Ollie, intrepid walking pilgrims, for this quote and our Via Francigena story

## COMING SOON!

In the next few weeks, we will launch a new website for the Trust. Besides a new design with plenty of pictures, it will have information about pilgrimage, about the Trust and about our work. You will also be able to download copies of the Newsletter from the site.

So, keep a look out for the next Newsletter, which will tell you all about the new website!





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