

Gathering Walk Launch Event on Yorkshire Churches Day.

Please let us know if you are intending walking, running, cycling, or horse riding on our Gathering Walk Day of Saturday 14 September and from which church and village you will be joining in. Below is a chart listing places, approximate timings, and distances to help you with this task. I am seeking this information to get an estimation of numbers, and most importantly to find out how many people will require transport back to their starting point. I will be grateful if you could also give me your mobile number if possible.

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Water (fizzy and still) and biscuits will be available at all churches along the route. Coffee and cakes will be available at Old Byland, as will toilets. Our (packed) lunch stop will be at Cold Kirby Village Hall where there will be hot and cold drinks available as well as toilets. Final stop is the Abbey. Please bring a packed lunch. We will have labels available for you to use and I will transport the packed lunches to Cold Kirby Village Hall in a cool box in the Land Rover.

For those of you joining the Gathering Walk along the route these are the timings:

Gather at Hawnby church at 8.30-leave Hawnby at 8.45am – you will walk 12 miles from here

Arrive Old Byland by 10am

Leave Old Byland 10.30am- you will walk 8 miles from here

Arrive Scawton 11.40am

Leave Scawton 11.45am- you will walk 6 miles from here

Arrive CKVH 12.45- lunch

Leave CKVH 1.45pm- you will walk 4.5 miles from here

Arrive Rievaulx by 3 to 3.15pm to gather at Rievaulx Methodist Church/ Church of Saint Mary the Virgin to process to the Abbey (500metres) for the service in the Nave and the launch reception in the café where a welcome glass of fizz and canapes will be served!

Anyone is welcome to participate in this Gathering Walk, but if you can get sponsorship for participating in it we would really appreciate it. All funds raised will go towards the renovation and repair of our local historic churches and the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust. We are using the **Peoples Fundraising website** for our event:<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/saintaelredspilgrimtrail-fundraiser-yhct>. We would ask those of you who are supporters to please ask friends and family if they would sponsor participants in the 2024 Helmsley and Upper Ryedale Team.

Our lovely Guidebook and Pilgrim Passport are now available to purchase from this website or from All Saints Church, Helmsley, Elijah Todd newsagents in Helmsley, and The Helmsley Bookshop. The Guidebook(with Pilgrim Passport) costs £3 if bought locally, £5 from the website which includes post and packaging. Additional Pilgrim Passports can be bought for £1 or £2.50 from the website to include p and p.

You may have seen some of our Saint Aelred's Pilgrim Trail T shirts around Helmsley recently. These are also available to buy- information and details are on the website.

Please bear in mind this is the North York Moors and so be prepared for all weathers! Walking boots are recommended.