



BRADWELL PILGRIMAGE AND GATHERING

SATURDAY
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DAY PROGRAMME



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2019 PROGRAMME DAY OVERVIEW

BRADWELL PILGRIMAGE AND GATHERING



10:45am	Commissioning of the pilgrims (at St Thomas' Church, Bradwell-on-Sea)
11:00am	Pilgrimage Walk to Bradwell Chapel
On arrival	Opening Worship
Lunch break	See map for food options (Prayer ministry available in the Chapel)
1:45pm	Optional Sessions:
- In the Chapel	Eucharist (followed by a talk on the history of the chapel)
- In the Marquee	Messy Church
- Across the site	Guided Walk & Wildlife Talks <i>(We will announce where to meet for these from the main stage)</i>
- At Othona	The Labyrinth
3:15pm	Closing Worship
3:45pm	Finish

THE MAP



BRADWELL PILGRIMAGE AND GATHERING

COMMISSIONING OF THE PILGRIMS

Praise my soul

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,
To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like thee his praise should sing?
Praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for this grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless;
Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows,
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels in the heights adore him,
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon bow down before him:
Dwellers all in time and space,
Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Lord of all hopefulness

Jan Struther (1901-1953)

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment. whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping. and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

THE BLESSING OF PILGRIMS ON THEIR DEPARTURE

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Led by Rt Rev Alan Williams, sm, Bishop of Brentwood

Opening Hymn - Morning has Broken

Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

Morning has broken
Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken
Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for the, springing
Fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall
Sunlit from Heaven,
Like the first dewfall
On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight,
Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light
Eden saw play.
Praise with elation,
Praise every morning,
God's re-creation
Of the new day.

After the singing, the Bishop says:

Bishop Alan In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Bishop May God, our strength and salvation, be with you all.

All **And with your spirit**

Bishop Brothers and sisters, as we set out, we should remind ourselves of the reasons for our resolve to go on this holy pilgrimage. The place we intend to visit is a monument to the devotion of the people of God. They have gone there in great numbers to be strengthened in the Christian way of life and to become more determined to devote themselves to the works of charity. We must also try to bring something to the faithful who live there: our example of faith, hope, and love. In this way both they and we will be enriched by the help we give each other.

READING OF THE WORD OF GOD

Deacon The Lord be with you

All **And with your spirit**

Deacon A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

All **Glory to you, O Lord**

(Luke 2:41-51: They went up to Jerusalem for the celebration as was their custom)

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

HOMILY: **Bishop Alan Williams**

INTERCESSIONS

Bishop God is the beginning and the end of life's pilgrimage.

Let us call on him with confidence, saying:

All **Lord, be the companion of our journey.**

Deacon Father all-holy, of old you made yourself the guide and the way for your people as they wandered in the desert; be our protection as we begin this journey, so that we may return home again in safety. For this we pray:

All **Lord, be the companion of our journey.**

Deacon You have given us your only Son to be our way to you; make us follow him faithfully and unswervingly. For this we pray:

All **Lord, be the companion of our journey.**

Deacon You gave us Mary as the image and model for following Christ;

grant that through her example we may live a new life. For this we pray:

All Lord, be the companion of our journey.

Deacon You guide your pilgrim Church on earth through the Holy Spirit;

may we seek you in all things and walk always in the way of your commandments.

For this we pray:

All Lord, be the companion of our journey.

Deacon You lead us along right and peaceful paths; grant that we may one day see you face to face in heaven.

For this we pray:

All Lord, be the companion of our journey.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

With hands outstretched, the Bishop continues with the prayer of blessing.

All-powerful God, you always show mercy toward those who love you and you are never far away for those who seek you. Remain with your servants on this holy pilgrimage and guide their way in accord with your will. Shelter them with your protection by day, give them the light of your grace by night, and, as their companion on the journey, bring them to their destination in safety.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Bishop concludes the rite by saying:

May the Lord guide us and direct our journey in safety.

Amen.

May the Lord be our companion along the way.

Amen.

May the Lord grant that the journey we begin, relying on him, will end happily through his protection.

Amen.

And may Almighty God bless you all, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

The pilgrims depart as all join in singing the hymn

Who would true valour see (To be a pilgrim)

John Bunyan (1628-1688), Alt Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

All who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster,
Let them in constancy follow their Master.
There's no discouragement shall make them once relent
Their first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.

Who so beset them round with dismal stories
Do but themselves confound—their strength the more is.
No foes shall stay their might; though they with giants fight,
They will make good the right to be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, Thou dost defend us with Thy Spirit,
We know we at the end, shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away! We'll fear not what they say,
We'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim.

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OPENING WORSHIP AT THE CHAPEL

Led by: the Revd Steven Poss - Chaplain & Priest in Charge

Preacher: The Venerable Ruth Patten, Archdeacon of Colchester

Hymn - There is a Redeemer

Melody Green

There is a redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One,

*Thank you oh my father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit,
'Til the work on Earth is done.*

Jesus my redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Oh, for sinners slain.

When I stand in Glory,
I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King forever,
In that Holy Place.

My Jesus, my Saviour

Darlene Zschech

My Jesus, my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You

*Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hand
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have
In You*

Prayers

Leader: O Christ, kindle in our hearts within a flame of love to our neighbour, to our foes, to our friends, to our kindred all.

All: O Christ of the poor and the yearning, From the humblest thing that lives, To the name that is highest of all, Kindle in our hearts within a flame of love.

(Each person may now pray with a period of intercessions, freely spoken or unspoken. At the end of this time the following

prayer will be said:)

Leader: We are placing our souls and our bodies under your guarding this day, O Christ.

**All: O son of the tears, of the wounds, of the piercings,
May your cross this day be shielding all.**

Blessing

Leader: Be the great God between your shoulders to protect you in your going and your coming; be the Son of Mary near your heart; and be the perfect Spirit upon you pouring.

All: Amen.

Leader: Come to us this day, O God,

All: Come to us with light.

Leader: Speak to us this day, O God,

All: Speak to us your truth.

Leader: Dwell with us this day, O God,

All: Dwell with us in love.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: Thanks be to you O Christ,

All: For the many gifts you have bestowed on us, Each day and night, each sea and land, Each weather fair, each calm, each wild.

Leader: Each day may we remember your mercy given so gently and generously.

**All: Each thing we have received, From you it came;
Each thing for which we hope, From your love it will
come; Each thing we enjoy, It is of your bounty; Each
thing we ask, Comes of your disposing.**

Leader: O God, from whom each thing that is, freely flows,
All: Grant that no tie over strict, no tie over dear, May be
between ourselves and this world. Amen.

Hymn - Love divine all loves excelling

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of Heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every longing heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above;
Pray and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in Heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

The Word of God

Leader: O God, as these words are read,

All: In our hearts may we feel your presence.

Bible Reading: Luke 24: 13-35

Address:

The Venerable Ruth Patten, Archdeacon of Colchester

Affirmation of Faith

All: We believe, O God of all gods, That you are the eternal God of life, We believe, O God of all gods, That you are the eternal God of love.

Men: We believe, O God and Maker of all creation, that you are the creator of the high heavens, that you are the

creator of the deep seas, that you are the creator of the stable earth.

Women: We believe, O God of all the peoples, that you created our souls and set their warp, that you created our bodies and gave them breath, that you made us in your own image.

**All: We give you our worship With our whole lives,
We give you our assent With our whole power,
We give you our existence With our whole mind,
We give you our kneeling With our whole desire.**

Hymn - I the Lord of Sea and Sky

Daniel L Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.

The Blessing (by the Bishop of Bradwell)

CLOSING WORSHIP AT THE CHAPEL

Led by: The Venerable Mike Lodge, Archdeacon of Southend

Preacher: The Rt Revd Peter Hill, Bishop of Barking

We say together the words printed in bold

Preparation

Greeting

Leader: The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you

All: and also with you.

Leader: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

All: Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever.

Opening prayer

Faithful one, whose word is life:

come with saving power

to free our praise,

inspire our prayer

and shape our lives

for the kingdom of your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Here Is Love

William Rees, Robert Lowry

Here is love vast as the ocean

Loving kindness as the flood,

when the Prince of life, our ransom

shed for us His precious blood.

Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the Mount of Crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
Poured incessant from above.
And heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love.

Praise

Leader: Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

All: To you be glory and praise for ever.

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.

All: To you be glory and praise for ever.

Leader: When the time had fully come
you sent the Sun of Righteousness.
In him the fullness of your glory dwells.

All: To you be glory and praise for ever.

Thanksgiving

Leader: Blessed are you, Holy God,
creator, redeemer and life-giver;
you have spoken the world into being
and filled it with wonder and beauty.
For every blessing we have received

All: we give you thanks and praise.

Leader: Blessed are you, Holy God,
for people of every language and culture
and for the rich variety you give to life.
For every blessing we have received

All: we give you thanks and praise.

Leader: Blessed are you, Holy God,
for Jesus Christ our Saviour,
truly divine and truly human,
living and dying for us,
and going before us into heaven.
For every blessing we have received

All: we give you thanks and praise.

Leader: Blessed are you, Holy God,
for your Spirit,
the fire of love burning in our hearts,
bringing us to faith,
and calling us to holiness
in the Church and in the world.
For every blessing we have received

All: we give you thanks and praise.

Leader: Therefore, we worship you
with all the company of heaven.

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's My Shepherd

Stuart Townsend

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul

*And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

The Word

Reading from Scripture – Genesis 12: 1-5a

After the reading this response may be used

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response to God's Word

Sermon – The Rt Revd Peter Hill, Bishop of Barking

Men of Faith

Martin Smith

Men of faith rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King;
You are strong when you feel weak,
In your brokenness complete

*Shout to the north and the south,
Sing to the east and the west:
Jesus is Saviour to all,
Lord of heaven and earth*

Rise up women of the truth,
Stand and sing to broken hearts,
Who can know the healing power
Of our glorious King of love.

Rise up church with broken wings;
Fill this place with songs again,
Of our God who reigns on high:
By His grace again we'll fly.

Prayers

Prayers of Thanks and Intercession

Leader: We pray to the Lord.
That the rest of this day may be holy,
peaceful and full of your presence;
in faith we pray.

All: We pray to you our God.

Leader: That the work we have done
and the people we have met today
may bring us closer to you;
in faith we pray.

All: We pray to you our God.

Leader: That we may hear and respond to your call
to peace and justice;
in faith we pray.

All: We pray to you our God.

Leader: That you will sustain the faith and hope of those
who are lonely, oppressed and anxious;
in faith we pray.

All: We pray to you our God.

Leader: That you will strengthen us in your service,
and fill our hearts with longing for your kingdom;
in faith we pray.

All: We pray to you our God.

Leader: God of mercy,

**All: you know us and love us
and hear our prayer:
keep us in the eternal fellowship of
Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

And can it be

Charles Wesley

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's blood
Died He for me, who caused His pain
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above
So free, so infinite His grace
Emptied Himself of all but love
And bled for Adam's helpless race
'Tis mercy all, immense and free
For O my God, it found out me!
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off, my heart was free
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine
Alive in Him, my living Head
And clothed in righteousness divine
Bold I approach the eternal throne
And claim the crown, through Christ my own
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou my God, shouldst die for me?

Conclusion

Final Prayer

**All: In darkness and in light,
in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father,
to trust your love,
to serve your purpose,
and to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Blessing

Leader: May the God of hope fill us with all
joy and peace in believing,
through the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God, Father,
Son and Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you
and all whom you love,
this night and always.

All: Amen

Sending Out

Leader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world:

All: a light no darkness can quench.

Leader: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening:

All: and the day is almost over.

Leader: Even the darkness is not dark for you:

All: and the night shines like the day.

Leader: Let your light scatter the darkness:

All: and fill your church with your glory.

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