

WALKING WITH FRIENDS

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Join us for some walks as we prepare for our pilgrimage from Southwark to Canterbury in 2022. You can book via Eventbrite and a small fee is payable (this does not include the costs of your travel or lunch). Booking closes 5 days before each individual walk. In each case final details will be emailed to those attending closer to the date together with a telephone contact for the walk leader. We have arranged start times to try and meet the train timetables as they are at present. However, people will check their own timetable as these are obviously subject to change.

Saturday 12 June

**RIVERSIDE WALK FROM
STAINES TO HAMPTON COURT –
11 miles (gentle)**

Led by Mike and Carolyn Lawson

Meet at Staines Railway Station at 10.00 for an easy and relaxing linear riverside walk of approximately 11 miles to Hampton Court with a pub/picnic lunch en route.

Tickets: <https://friends-walk-12-june.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Saturday 17 July**

**WOOLWICH TO ERITH –
9 miles (gentle)**

Led by Barbara Moss

Meeting on General Gordon Place, opposite Woolwich Arsenal railway and DLR stations (frequent services) at 10:45.

Traffic-free walk along the Thames Path and Green Chain Walk to Lesnes Abbey, founded by a contemporary of Thomas Becket, continuing along the Pilgrims Way to Erith and finishing at Erith station.

Picnic lunch at Lesnes Abbey, where there is a kiosk and toilets. 9 miles.

Tickets: <https://friends-walk-17-july.eventbrite.co.uk>



Saturday 14 August
COASTAL WALK TO MARGATE –
12 miles (moderate)
Led by Mike and Carolyn Lawson

Meet at Herne Bay Railway Station at 10.45 for a moderate linear coastal walk of approximately 12 miles to Margate with a pub/picnic lunch and afternoon tea en route.

Tickets: <https://friends-walk-14-august.eventbrite.co.uk>



Saturday 18 September
ROCHESTER TO AYLESFORD -
9 miles (moderate)
Led by Barbara Moss

Meet at Rochester Station at 10.30. Start with a brief visit to Rochester Cathedral, and follow the Augustinian Camino / North Downs Way to Aylesford, with possible refreshment stops (if open) at the Robin Hood pub in Burham and The Friars, Aylesford, England's oldest Carmelite Priory, returning from Aylesford Station via Strood.

Tickets: <https://friends-walk-18-september.eventbrite.co.uk>



Saturday 16 October**NORTH DOWNS –**

8 miles (moderate)

Led by Mike and Carolyn Lawson

Meet at 10.00 at Orpington Station for a moderate circular walk of about 8 miles via Downe with a pub/picnic lunch. More details later.

Tickets: <https://friends-walk-16-october.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Saturday 20 November****OTFORD TO WROTHAM**

ALONG PILGRIMS WAY –

7 miles (moderate)

Led by Barbara Moss

Meet at Otford Station at 10.35. Visit the church and remains of bishop's palace, then follow the Pilgrims Way to the outskirts of Wrotham, then pass Wrotham Church and stop for a pub lunch before continuing to Borough Green and Wrotham Station.

Tickets: <https://friends-walk-20-november.eventbrite.co.uk>



SOUTHWARK TO CANTERBURY

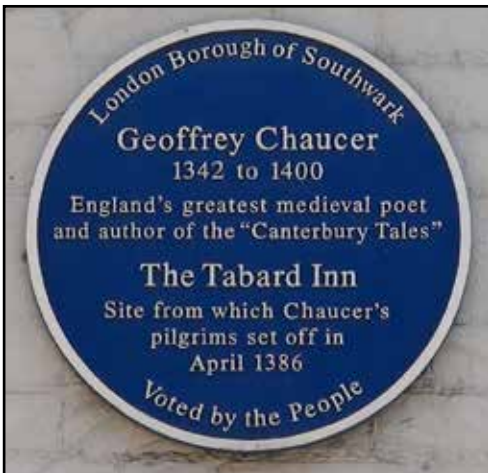
Starting in January we will walk a stage of the route on the third Saturday of each month finally arriving in Canterbury in September.

15 January

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL TO THE BULL, SHOOTERS HILL – 8 miles (gentle)

We are starting our pilgrimage at Southwark Cathedral with a short service in the Nave at 10.30am. Together we begin our walk, briefly stopping in Borough High Street to view the plaque marking the place from which Chaucer's pilgrims set off. The first leg takes us to Shooters Hill. This part of the walk is largely on tarmac.

<https://pilgrimage-to-canterbury-stage-one.eventbrite.co.uk>



19 February

THE BULL TO ERITH – 7.5 miles (moderate)

We begin where we finished on Shooters Hill, gathering at 10.00am ready for a day of walking. Our finish point is Erith Post Office

<https://pilgrimage-to-canterbury-stage-two.eventbrite.co.uk>

19 March

ERITH TO DARTFORD – 5.5 miles (gentle)

Beginning at Erith PO at 10.45 and walking to Dartford where we will visit the church and hopefully the café.

<https://pilgrimage-to-canterbury-stage-three.eventbrite.co.uk>

16 April (Holy Saturday)

DARTFORD TO OTFORD –
11.5 miles (gentle)

Our start time is approximately 10.00am although we will adjust that time to suit the arrival of trains so we can begin the walk together. There are plenty of beautiful places to break our walk on the third day: Farningham, Eynsford, Lullingstone Castle and Shoreham Village. Once again we can return home as we finish the walk at Otford Station.

<https://pilgrimage-to-canterbury-stage-four.eventbrite.co.uk>

21 May

OTFORD TO HALLING –
12.5 miles (moderate)

Beginning our walk at Otford Station at about 10.00am (as with previous days we will adjust our time to reflect the train times), we break for lunch in Wrotham where there are a number of pubs to enjoy lunch or places to enjoy a picnic. Our finish point today is Halling Station.

<https://pilgrimage-to-canterbury-stage-five.eventbrite.co.uk>

18 June

Halling to Bearstead –
11 miles (morning gentle, afternoon hard)

We meet at Halling Station at 10.15 (one train an hour from Strood). Passing the ruins of a 900 year old Bishop's Palace, we cross the Medway on a modern bridge not shown on some OS maps, and visit Burham church, maintained by the Churches Conservation Trust. Lunch (café or picnic) at Aylesford Priory, then ascend to the North Downs Way before dropping to field paths.

<https://pilgrimage-to-canterbury-stage-six.eventbrite.co.uk>



16 July

BEARSTED TO CHARING –
11 miles (hard)

Today we begin at our usual time of approximately 10am at Bearstead Station walking to Charing Station. There are plenty of different opportunities for purchasing lunch in various pubs in Lenham where we will break. There is also a coffee shop and other lunch options as well as a Co-op to purchase food for a picnic.

<https://pilgrimage-to-canterbury-stage-seven.eventbrite.co.uk>

20 August

CHARING TO CHILHAM –
12 miles (hard)

We will start the walk at Charing station and walk as a group to start at the Clock House. The end of the route is Chilham Square and we will then walk to the Station to return home. Lunch break will be at 'The Flying Horse', Boughton Lees, alternatively on the green with a picnic. We will also be able to call into Boughton Aluph to visit the Pilgrims fireplace.

<https://pilgrimage-to-canterbury-stage-eight.eventbrite.co.uk>

17 September

CHILHAM TO CANTERBURY –
7.5 miles (gentle)

Our final day of walking begins in Chilham. The station is a little way off the route so we will gather at the station at 10.20 and walk as a group to the start point at Chilham Church. We will break for lunch as usual. Together we will walk into Canterbury arriving at the Cathedral in time for a Service and refreshments provided by The Friends of Canterbury Cathedral. At the end of the afternoon you can catch a train back to Chilham if you have parked your car there.

<https://friends-pilgrimage-walk-stage-nine.eventbrite.co.uk>

