



Last year's
AMAZE-ING
Pilgrimage!



Cost & Leadership

The Pilgrimage will be led by Fee & Dave Baker, established CRB-cleared parents and leaders from our parish. Fr. Simon and the Rundell family will also be at the Pilgrimage, but leading ministry & worship there and therefore not directly leading our group.

Transport will be by car, aiming to arrive at Walsingham before the beginning of worship at 7pm on the Friday.

The cost for children aged 7 to 11 years old including transport, full board and a T-Shirt will be £70.00

A small deposit of £10 is all that is needed to secure your place on this brilliant, life-changing weekend at the Shrine

Parish of S.Thomas the
Apostle, Elson.

Children's

**Pilgrimage to
the Shrine of
Our Lady of
Walsingham**

Reserve your place now!

Name:

Address:

Contact Number:

Special Requirements: (ie Dietary)

Please return this slip to Fr. Simon as soon as possible with a £10 deposit.



19th-21st
Mar 2010



All About Walsingham

In the eleventh century, the village of Little Walsingham was a thriving place, located mid-way between Norwich (then England's second city) and the wealthy town of King's Lynn.

Richeldis de Faverches was a Saxon noblewoman, married to the Lord of the Manor of Walsingham Parva. Richeldis had a deep faith in God and devotion to Mary. We know too of her reputation for good works in care and generosity towards those around her.

For Richeldis, the life of prayer and good works was rewarded by a vision in the year 1061. In this vision she was taken by Mary to be shown the house in Nazareth where Gabriel had announced the news of the birth of Jesus. Mary asked Richeldis to build an exact replica of that house in Walsingham.

This is how Walsingham became known as England's Nazareth.

The Shrine was destroyed in the Reformation, and the Image of Our Lady of Walsingham taken to London and burnt at Tyburn.

Fr Hope Patten, appointed as Vicar of Walsingham in 1921, ignited Anglican interest in the pre-Reformation pilgrimage. It was his idea to base a new statue of Our Lady of Walsingham on the image depicted on the seal of the medieval Priory.

In 1922, this statue was set up in the Parish Church of St. Mary, and regular pilgrimage devotion followed. From the first night that the statue was placed there, people gathered around it to pray, asking Mary to join her powerful prayer with theirs. This work of intercession continues to this day.



Throughout the 1920's, the trickle of pilgrims became a flood of large numbers, and in 1931, a new Holy House encased in a small pilgrimage church was dedicated, and the statue translated there with great solemnity. In 1938 that church was enlarged to form the Anglican Shrine, more or less as we know it today, placed in lovely gardens, surrounded by a good standard of accommodation for Pilgrims and supported by an excellent refectory.

The Children's Pilgrimage

STARGAZERS

This year's theme looks to the Sky, and sees not our horoscopes, but our true future—a life lived with God!

We will learn about God's awesome love for us, demonstrated by his Son Jesus, and how we have a bright future if we follow Him.

This is a fun, action-packed weekend with time for games, play, prayer and worship, led by Bishop Lindsay & his mad assistant, Fr. Stephen!



Programme

Day 1 (Friday 19th): Many Schools are having an INSET day on the 19th, so we hope to depart about 1pm from Gosport, so we can travel up by cars to North Norfolk. It's quite a long way—200 miles— and will take about 4 hours!

The first visit to the Shrine is about 7pm when Fr Stephen and Bishop Lindsay will introduce us to this year's 'STARGAZERS' theme and we will enjoy lively worship with Deacon Rachel.

We finish off with hot chocolate in the refectory before going to our accommodation in the Shrine

Day 2 (Saturday 20th): After a massive breakfast in the refectory, there is time to explore the village. We have a brilliant procession to the Roman Catholic Shrine, with banners and singing and this is followed by an afternoon packed with Craft and other fun activities.



There is also time to explore the shrine, its many altars and other interesting bits—there is so much to see!

In the evening there is a disco, so don't forget your dancing trousers!

Day 3 (Sunday 21st): After breakfast, we will celebrate the Mass together, have a lovely Sunday lunch and a final visit to the Shrine with Benediction and Sprinkling. We will leave Walsingham about 5pm and get home around 9 in the evening, tired but happy pilgrims who have shared something special!