



EAST ANGLIA PILGRIMS

— *Walking in Faith* —

PILGRIMAGE INFO SHEET

WHY

This is one of a series of pilgrimage walks being organised in 2026 by the East Anglia District of the Methodist Church. These walks offer the chance to take time out and journey with others, exploring and reflecting on the rich landscape and heritage of the region. The pilgrimages will be led by Christian people, both lay and ordained. All are welcome, of faith or no faith.

WHEN

DATE: **Saturday 13 June 2026 starting at 10 am.**

The day will start with refreshments at Wells-next-the-Sea Methodist Church (tea/coffee). Once everyone is ready, the pilgrimage will commence (approx. 10.30 am).

The walk will finish between 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm.

WHERE

PLACE TO MEET: **Wells-next-the-Sea Methodist Church** Postcode for Theatre Road, Wells, is **NR23 1DJ**

What3words: [///remotes-sonic-wiggling](https://www.what3words.com/remotes-sonic-wiggling)

DIRECTIONS AND PARKING:

As this is a linear pilgrimage, if you are coming **by car**, you can either park in Wells or Walsingham and get public transport back to your car at the end of the day.

- 1) **PARK IN WELLS.** Stearman's Yard Car Park, Wells, NR23 1BA. Charges apply (£2.20 per hour, £11.50 all day). The southern exit from the car park is on Theatre Street, turn left to find the Methodist Church.
If you take this option, then you will need to get back to Wells at the end of the day, as the walk finishes in Walsingham. There are 2 options:
 - i) Take the **Wells to Walsingham Light Railway**. The last train from Walsingham is at 4.15 pm. Single fare: £11. Walk back to Theatre Street (approx. 1 mile).
Or you can park near the train station (NR23 1QB), then walk to Theatre Street to start the walk (approx. 1 mile). The cost is £5, but this is reduced to £2.50 if you are taking a train ride.
 - ii) Take the **no 36 bus**. This leaves from opposite The Bull Pub in Walsingham at 4.12 pm. Alight in Wells opp The Buttlands and walk back to Theatre Street (approx. 2 minutes)

- 2) **PARK IN WALSINGHAM (recommended)**. This is available in two locations:-
- i) Mill pay and display car park between Coker's Hill and Bridewell St (NR22 6BN). £7 all day (cash or card).
Take the **no 36 bus**. This leaves from opposite The Bull Pub in Walsingham at 9.12 am. Single fare: £2.60. Alight in Wells opp The Buttlands and walk to Theatre Street (approx. 2 minutes)
 - or ii) Opposite the Primary School NR22 6DU in Wells Road. The no, 36 bus leaves from the stop opposite the school at 9.15 am. Single fare: £2.60. Alight in Wells opp The Buttlands and walk to Theatre Street (approx. 2 minutes)

If you are coming by **public transport alone**, use the no 36 bus which travels between Wells and Walsingham with a bus every hour.

DISTANCE TO BE WALKED: 7 miles. Once out of Wells, the route is signposted on a mix of pavement, bridleway and footpath. The ground is uneven in places. There is some road walking along minor roads (NB Norfolk isn't as flat as you think). The pilgrimage will be led so there is no need for a map (but if you like maps, the route can be found on OS Explorer 24 Norfolk Coast Central).

At approx. 5 miles, the pilgrimage will call in at the East Anglia Methodist Heritage Centre at Wighton. This is a free museum dedicated to the history of the Methodist Church in the region. This is where we will stop for lunch (please bring your own. Hot drinks will be provided. There is ample seating inside. There is a toilet.

On arrival in Walsingham, there will be short visit and tour of the Anglican Shrine. The pilgrimage will finish at Walsingham Methodist Chapel (NR22 6DB). It is likely that the pilgrimage will finish about 3 pm, leaving time to explore Walsingham further if desired.

PRACTICALITIES

How do I sign up?

Contact Danielle Gravestock on danielle@eangliamethodist.org.uk who will send you a booking form.

What do I need?

Suitable footwear. The paths are generally even but of different terrains (grass, gravel, some tarmac). Please ensure that your shoes/boots are well worn in (it is a long way to walk in new shoes).

A day rucksack with personal supplies.

Mobile phone.

Suitable clothing for the weather.

Binoculars

May I bring my dog?

Yes. Dogs are welcome. Dogs remain the responsibility of their owner at all times.

Support

The leader will have a copy of your emergency mobile phone contacts. They will call for assistance if necessary.

CONTACT NUMBER on the day: 07984 148769 (Sarah Friswell) – if you have any last minute issues (sickness, transport issues etc).

Health and Safety

The pilgrimage will be led by Aileen Fox. A Risk Assessment has been carried out. A First Aid kit will be available.

You will be given the mobile number for the leader on the day.

Toilets

At Wells Methodist Church.

At the East Anglia Methodist Heritage Centre.

At the Anglican Shrine in Walsingham.

At Walsingham Methodist Chapel.

Refreshments

The day will start with refreshments at Wells Methodist Church (tea/coffee).

Please bring water and any snacks that you want during the pilgrimage. Please bring a packed lunch.

Hot drinks will be available at the East Anglia Methodist Heritage Centre (lunchtime) and at Walsingham Methodist Chapel (at the end).

Donations to cover costs of refreshments are welcome.

Any further queries?

Please contact Sarah Friswell, Pilgrimages Coordinator, on sarah.friswell@outlook.com