



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 5 September 2026 starting at 10 am.**

The day will start at **Ely Methodist Church**. We will gather from 10 am and once everyone is ready, the pilgrimage will commence from the front door of the church at 10.30 am.

The walk will return to Ely Methodist Church about 1.30 pm for a late lunch (see below re refreshments).

There is an **optional pilgrimage tour of Ely Cathedral** at 2.30 pm. This is being offered by the Cathedral's pilgrimage co-ordinator and is free of charge. It will last about 1 hour. If you wish to, you are also welcome to stay and attend Evensong in the Cathedral at 5.30 pm.

Please indicate at the time of booking if you intend to stay for the pilgrimage tour of the Cathedral (as we need to confirm numbers with them).

WHERE

PLACE TO MEET: **Ely Methodist Church, 13-15 Chapel Street, Ely** Postcode **CB6 1AD**
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PARKING:

This is a circular pilgrimage.

Although there is no car parking at the church itself, there are several public car parks in Ely. The nearest one is St Mary's Street. This is only a short stay car park, but may be useful for dropping off passengers. Please see the enclosed map for details of long stay car parking.

The best public transport option is the train, followed by a walk from the train station (approx. 10-15 mins).

DISTANCE TO BE WALKED: 7 miles. Once out of the city, the route is on grass paths and on the return leg follows the riverbank. It is mostly flat.

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. Suitable clothing for the weather.

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 Colin Watkins. A Risk Assessment has been carried out. A First Aid kit will be available.

Toilets

At Ely Methodists Church
At St George's, Little Thetford

Refreshments

There is one stopping point on the route which is not quite half way (St George's, Little Thetford). They are leaving facilities for us to make hot and cold drinks and there is a toilet. Therefore we suggest that you bring water and snacks, as you require, to carry with you on the pilgrimage and we will have a 'pit stop' at St George's.

We will however wait until we get back to Ely for our lunch. Packed lunches can be stored at Ely Methodist Church and we will eat them together on our return (about 1.30 pm). Drinks will be available then too.

Donations to cover costs of refreshments are welcome.

There are numerous cafes/restaurants in Ely if you prefer.

Any further queries?

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