

SPONSORED VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE – REEPHAM TO CANTERBURY



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You are invited to join our Sponsored Virtual Pilgrimage from Reepham to Canterbury to raise funds for St Mary's and St Michael's churches, Reepham, either as a pilgrim or as a sponsor.

Information for Pilgrims

The distance is a total of 158 miles and pilgrims are invited to cover this distance or as much as they can by walking or cycling locally (or elsewhere) in stages of whatever lengths they choose, whenever they want, but within a maximum period of 6 months (this amounts to an average of less than 1 mile a day).

To provide a virtual focus and locus for this, attached are two pages of maps plus a Checksheet and List of Indicative Stages; you can check-off when you have virtually completed each stage. You are welcome to create your own stages if this suits you better.

Pilgrims are invited to seek sponsorship from family and friends, on the basis of a sum of money (at your and your sponsors' discretions) for each mile completed, or for each stage completed, or for completion of the whole distance, or as a one-off donation. A sponsorship form is attached.

The pilgrimage is intended for people young and old, not just the athletic, and pilgrims are welcome to "call it a day" when they have had enough, and collect sponsorship money pro rata to the miles or stages completed. Remember: *"Youth may outrun the old, but not outwit."* — Geoffrey Chaucer, The Canterbury Tales.

Before starting, please write your name on the Checksheet and the Sponsorship Form. After you have finished, please collect your sponsorship money and pass it with the Checksheet and Sponsorship Form to the Reepham Parochial Church Council Treasurer, David Richmond, 42 Richmond Rise, Reepham NR10 4LS (cheques should be made payable to Reepham Parochial Church Council).

Always consider safety when you are walking or riding. Follow the Highway Code and the Countryside Code and in particular look out for the safety of any children in your charge.

A certificate will be provided for all those who virtually reach Canterbury within 6 months of starting, and a big **thank you** is given to all pilgrims who start out.

Information for Sponsors

Thank you for agreeing to sponsor a walker or cyclist in our Sponsored Virtual Pilgrimage from Reepham to Canterbury to raise funds for St Mary's and St Michael's churches, Reepham. It costs almost £140 a day to fund the work of the Church in Reepham and to maintain Reepham's two iconic listed church buildings which form the hub of the Reepham Heritage Area. Much of this is provided by regular financial contributions from parishioners, but they cannot provide it all. The money you pay to the participants will help to bridge the gap and ensure that Christian faith, work and heritage continues in Reepham as it has for the past 1,000 years.

If you would like your contribution to be treated as a Gift Aid donation, Reepham Parochial Church Council will be able to reclaim an additional 25 pence for every £1 you give.

Attachments:

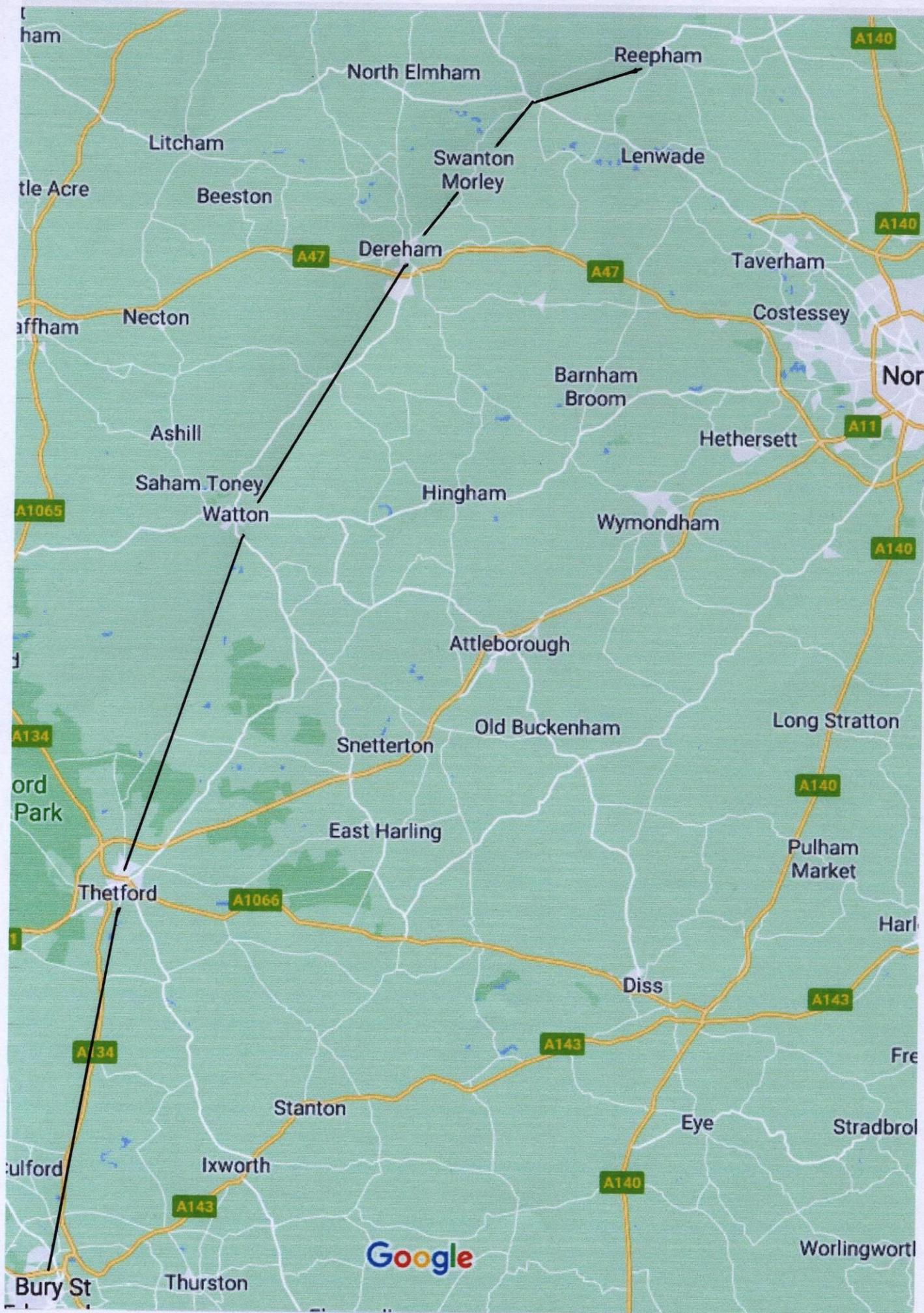
1. Pilgrim Map Reepham to Bury St Edmunds.
2. Pilgrim Map Bury St Edmunds to Canterbury.
3. Checksheet and List of Indicative Stages.
4. Sponsorship Form.

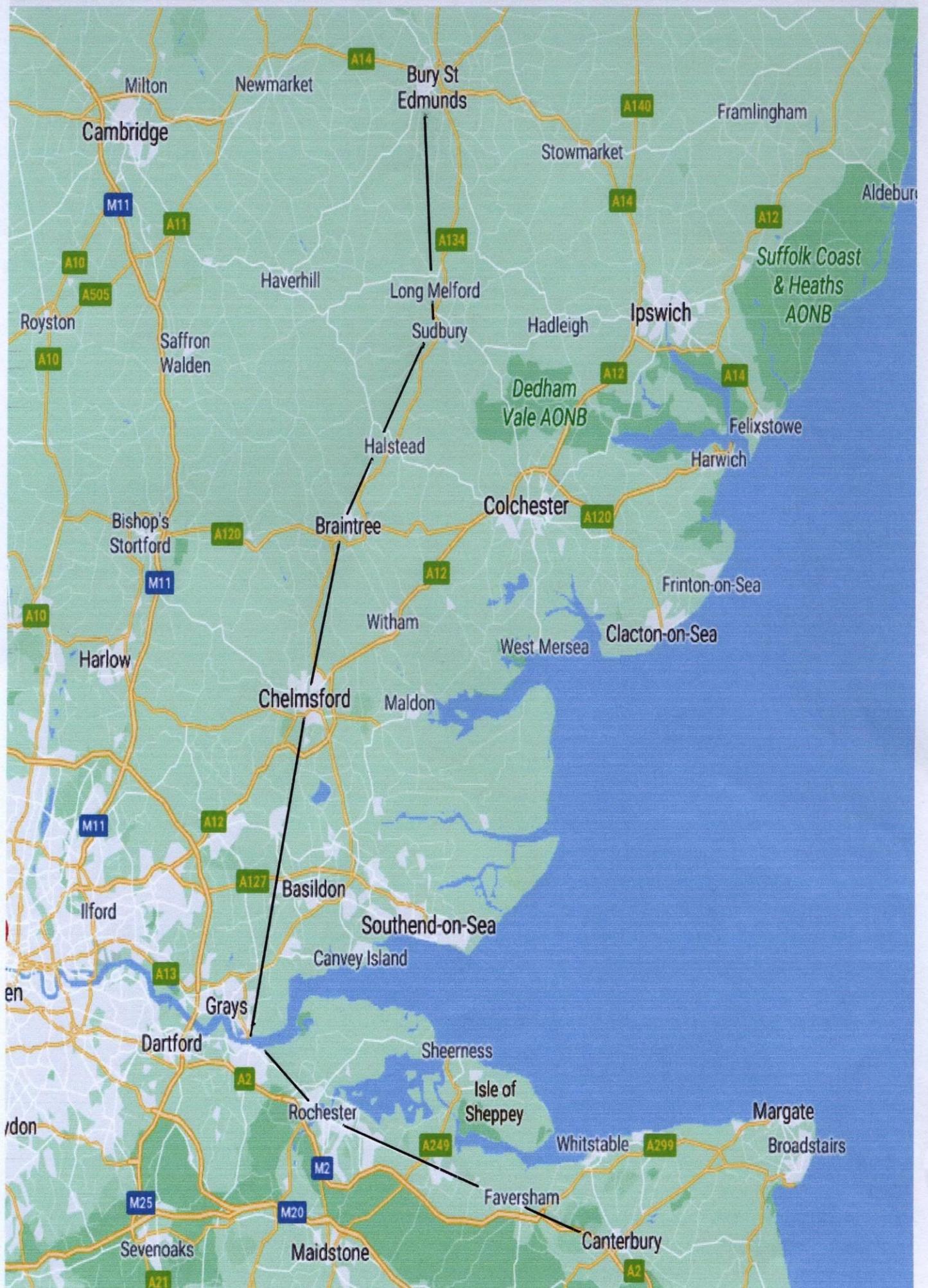
'Pilgrim God, You are our origin and our destination. Travel with us, we pray, in every pilgrimage of faith, and every journey of the heart. Give us the courage to set off, the nourishment we need to travel well, and the welcome we long for at our journey's end. So may we grow in grace and love of You and in the service of others.'

- John Pritchard, former Bishop of Oxford

*'Who would true valour see,
Let him come hither;
One here will constant be,
Come wind, come weather;
There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.'*

- John Bunyan, Pilgrim's Progress.





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Name of Pilgrim:.....

Indicative Stage:	Distance (miles):	Dates Started and Finished:
Reepham	4	
Bawdeswell	4	
Swanton Morley	4	
Dereham	10	
Watton	15	
Thetford	13	
Bury St Edmunds	14	
Long Melford	3	
Sudbury	8	
Halstead	7	
Braintree	13	
Chelmsford	9	
Billericay	14	
Grays	3	
Via passenger ferry Gravesend	8	
Rochester	11	
Sittingbourne	8	
Faversham	10	
Canterbury		
Total Distance:	<u>158</u> miles	

'Just Giving' Etc

If you wish, you can set up your own 'Just Giving' (or similar) page on the internet, which may make it easier for sponsors to donate and for pilgrims to collect payments. Note, however, that sites such as 'Just Giving' charge a percentage.