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There is an old Anglican cliché that says, “Once an experiment, twice a tradition” The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer is trying something we haven’t done before- we are inviting you to become a pilgrim. More specifically we are asking you to join us on April 5 for, “Walking the Way of Jesus from Jerusalem to your Home”. This event is an online pilgrimage with Richard Sewell the dean of St. George’s College Jerusalem. (Timing and Zoom details are elsewhere in this newsletter)

Our pilgrimage will be on the eve of Passiontide, the time from the Fifth Sunday of Lent to the evening of Easter Eve. Our hope is to help people enter into that time with a deeper understanding and connection to the events of Holy Week and to experience this unique time in the Christian calendar in a new and more vibrant way.

The tradition of a pilgrimage has been part of the Christian spiritual practice for centuries. There are many reasons people participate in pilgrimages- for some it is to find forgiveness, for others to enrich their understanding of God in their life and for others to seek profound answers to some of life’s most difficult questions. There is no wrong reason to enter into pilgrimage. The one thing we can be sure of is there will be opportunities to experience God’s grace as we journey with the holy one.

In traditional pilgrimage journeys people leave their normal surroundings to be drawn closer to God. However you choose to participate in our pilgrimage- in your home, by inviting friends in by gathering at your parish church Dean Richard will take us to holy places to walk in the footsteps of Jesus that will strengthen and renew our faith.

People who have experienced Jerusalem and the Holy Land are never the same again. Our hope and our belief is that by you joining us on April 5th that you will find yourself transformed and your faith reinvigorated because of prayer and the experience of “Walking the Way of Jesus from Jerusalem to your Home.”



On Pilgrimage

by

Paul Feheley,
National Director



The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer presents

Walking the Way of Jesus: From Jerusalem to Your Home

Sat. April 5

12-1.30 & 2.30-4 EST

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87557181835>

Meeting ID: 875 5718 1835

an online pilgrimage with

**The Very Rev. Canon Richard Sewell,
Dean of St. George's College in Jerusalem.**

Dean Richard will offer two reflections on site in Jerusalem which bring the Holy City into your home as he reflects on the ways that we can walk the way of Jesus. Jerusalem still evokes a sense of the presence of Christ, who taught in the Temple, healed people and walked the way of the cross to his crucifixion. He was resurrected in the city and, according to Luke's gospel, ascended into heaven from the Mount of Olives. These are not simply events in the life of Jesus but provide the guide for us, as Christians today about how we can live the way of Christ in our contexts. The Holy Land is living under the shadow of war and Dean Richard will ponder how this reality can speak to the Christian life, wherever you live as we approach Holy Week and Easter.

This space left blank for you to fill in with information for local gatherings for the day of pilgrimage

Let Us Pray - A New Year!

Plan on Joining Us Each Month

With Spring soon upon us, we are looking forward to closing out our *Let Us Pray* year with a number of wonderful speakers. Our next four months of *Let Us Pray* will be held by Zoom on either the third or fourth Monday (depending upon several holiday Mondays) at 1pm ET. Please note the same link (shown below) will be used for each session.

Remember, all of our *Let Us Pray* sessions are recorded and available to you at any time. They would make an excellent resource for a prayer group wishing to expand their experience and/or understanding of different kinds of prayer. As they are available on demand, **they could be used at any time that suits your group.** Please take advantage of these wonderful resources.

Let Us Pray-topics

- March 17/25 – Rev'd Robert Key; International Director of *Thy Kingdom Come*, a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for Ascension to Pentecost. Come and learn more about this movement.
- April 28/24 (note 4th Monday due to Easter Monday on 3rd Monday): Bishop Rachel Parker will be speaking to us about the place of prayer in small churches.
- May 26/24 (note 4th Monday due to Stat Holidays), Bishop William Cliff: Prayer In the Midst of Crisis
- June 16/24: yet to be confirmed

Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89192823143>

Current Work
of the AFP
Executive by

Valerie Kenyon,
National Chair



Is This the Fast I Choose?

Reflection by Laura Marie Piotrowicz

This Ash Wednesday, I invited our community to spent Lent prayerfully reflecting on the passage from Isaiah 58.6-7, asking us if this is the fast we have chosen. Isaiah was speaking to a community overwhelmed by political instability, economic uncertainty, and general anxiety... and his words speak to us today. Just as he invited the community then to be intentional about faithful acts of self-sacrifice that would benefit the community of the faithful, so too are we called to recognise the situations in our lives that need to be addressed.

How might we spend Lent recognising the injustices in our society, the oppressed in our midst, so that we might give of ourselves to improve their lives? How can we give of our abundance of time or skill or resources so that the hungry are fed, the unhoused find shelter, the naked being covered with grace and compassion?

While the popular fasts of "giving up" things like chocolate or coffee may remind us of our call to self-sacrifice, they seldom change the world for the better. So perhaps this Lent is a time to choose a different fast, where our spiritual journey is demonstrated in acts of compassion and grace, and loving the world as God loves.

May we all have a holy Lent, with whatever fast we choose.

Press Release

The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Invites You to "Walking the Way of Jesus: From Jerusalem to Your Home" – An Online Pilgrimage with Canon Richard Sewell

Join us for a free transformative online pilgrimage and a deeper exploration of faith, the Holy Land, and spiritual growth.

Date: Saturday, April 5, 2025

Time: Two Sessions – 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM EST & 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM EST

Location: Virtual via Zoom

This special event will feature a live Zoom conversation with **The Very Reverend Canon Richard Sewell**, Dean of St. George's College in Jerusalem. Canon Sewell will guide participants through the sacred journey of pilgrimage, the holiness of the Holy Land, and how the timeless lessons of this land can nourish and transform our spiritual lives.

This online pilgrimage is not just a conversation, but an opportunity to pause in the busyness of life and center yourself in a sacred moment of reflection, connection, and hope. Whether you are new to the concept of pilgrimage or looking to deepen your spiritual journey, this event promises to be a transformative experience.

About Canon Richard Sewell

The Very Reverend Canon Richard Sewell has served as the Dean of St. George's College in Jerusalem since 2019. He brings a wealth of experience from the Diocese of Southwark in the United Kingdom and is deeply engaged in interfaith dialogue. His insights into the socio-political landscape of the region, including the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, provide a rich and nuanced perspective on the challenges and opportunities for peace and reconciliation in the Holy Land.

How to Join

To participate in this online pilgrimage, please use the Zoom link below:

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87557181835>

Meeting ID: 875 5718 1835

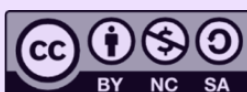
Come prepared to be transformed. Let the sacred stories and wisdom of the Holy Land guide you toward a deeper connection with God, yourself, and the world around you. For more information, please visit the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer website (<https://anglicanprayer.org/>) or contact us at pfeheley@gmail.com

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