



Every year, pilgrims from all areas of Christian life and from all over the world walk to Holy Island at Easter to witness and celebrate Christ's passion, death and resurrection.

Various pilgrim groups (known as legs) set out from places in Scotland or the north of England and walk for six or seven days to reach Holy Island off the coast of Northumberland. Also known as Lindisfarne, this was the birthplace of Christianity in the north of England. Each leg carries a large wooden cross. All the legs meet on Good Friday morning and cross the sands to the island. As Northern Cross, we celebrate Easter with the community on Holy Island.

Walking is only part of the story. Other parts are prayer, the growing spirit of community within each leg and meeting the parishes along our routes. The experience is hard but simple, intense and joyful. We learn to know ourselves, our fellow pilgrims and those who help us on our way. We enjoy hospitality from the communities where we stay. We express our artistic and musical talents in both social events and shared worship.



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*A Christian Easter Pilgrimage
to Holy Island – Lindisfarne,
Northumberland*

Chaucer's pilgrims were a mixed bunch. So are we! Male and female; young and old, from 7 to 70 and above, walk with us.

The pilgrimage takes place each year in the week before Easter - most groups meet on the evening of the Friday or Saturday before Good Friday. It finishes on Easter Sunday.

If you don't feel you'll be able to make the whole week but only part you can still come - just contact us to arrange it. The organisers of Northern Cross are elected each year, but you can always write to: Northern Cross c/o: Mike Blood, 43 Brynlea Terrace, Barrow Bridge, Bolton, Lancs. BL1 7NB

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