

Sarantañani!

This word, from a lovely Bolivian song, means 'Let's walk together'.

All God's children, let us walk and let's walk together.

Brothers, sisters, children and youth, let's all move together!

First of all, this is an invitation! We have our second **Bank Holiday Pilgrimage** on May 4th. We're starting at 2.00pm this time, by the tree outside St. Nicholas Church, to give us more time to get to St. Peter's in Codsall Wood for tea and cakes. We'll have a few stops on the way again, for a reflection, a prayer, and maybe a song... All are welcome (dogs will need to be on leads for some of the way).

Walking together in this way, sharing stories and stopping to pray and sing, is a great way of getting to know each other. And as we walk, we become aware that God walks with us - just as Jesus walked with the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

During these weeks after Easter we hear many of the stories about Jesus meeting with the disciples, helping us to become more aware of the ways that he walks with us each day, in our journey through life.

Sarah has been able to discover that in her trip to South Africa, meeting some wonderful Christian women & men there as she helped lead a conference for Sunday School leaders. I know from her texts that she is coming back full of stories about those she has met - and she'd really like to bring back some of her new friends too!

During the next couple of months we'll also be thinking about the journey that Liz England is walking, towards ordination and becoming a curate here. We're looking forward to Liz, Paul, Sam and Jon joining us on our journey, and we pray that they may know Jesus walking closely with them at this time of change.

Over the next few weeks our PCC will be thinking about the way God is leading us to walk with him as a church during the next twelve months. Please pray for us in this time of discernment. May we each learn to be more aware of the one who walks with us, and as we prayed this morning in Daily Prayer, may we reach out our hand to take hold of his.



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