

# CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED

## A NORTHERN PILGRIMAGE

JULY 23 TO AUGUST 4, 2025



Become a pilgrim and journey with us for the eleventh English choral pilgrimage sponsored by Christ Church Christiana Hundred. The journey begins in York when the pilgrims join the Christ Church Choir during their residency at York Minster. We explore Celtic spirituality and the rich history of northern England as well as the music and worship of the Anglican choral tradition. The pilgrimage leaders are the Revs. Ruth and David Beresford and Bruce Barber, director of music, who leads the choir's residency, July 21-27.

## IN YORKSHIRE

The pilgrims travel to York on Thursday, July 24, stopping at Lincoln Cathedral en route. At York we join the Christ Church Choir, staying at the Monkbar Hotel, just steps away from York Minster. The itinerary includes days out to Ripon Cathedral and Fountains Abbey, returning to attend Evensong. Worship on Sunday and a celebration with the choir concludes our time in York.

## CELTIC SAINTS & SPIRITUALITY

When the choir's residency ends, the pilgrims travel to Rievaulx Abbey en route to County Durham for three nights at Redworth Hall Hotel—our first base to explore the lives of Cuthbert (7th century) and Bede (8th century), both enshrined in Durham Cathedral. The pilgrimage then continues closer to the North Sea coast to Northumbria, to stay at Doxford Hall—another grand country house converted to a four-star hotel. From there we visit Lindisfarne (the Holy Island of Cuthbert's monastic life) and other sites to inspire our pilgrimage. The pilgrimage concludes with transport back to London's Heathrow Airport on Sunday for a Monday return flight to Philadelphia or onward travel.



## DETAILS

The cost of the pilgrimage is \$3800, excluding airfare. This includes 11 nights lodging in four-star accommodations, all breakfasts and most evening meals, entrance to all pilgrim sites, and ground transportation.

With a maximum of 30 companion pilgrims, we invite you to register as soon as possible. A \$500 reservation deposit is fully refundable until December 1, 2024. The complete payment will be required by May 1, 2025.

A pilgrimage requires a moderate level of physical fitness to participate in the walking tours. In ancient cathedrals there is minimal provision for accessibility, so pilgrims must be able to climb steps and walk on uneven terrain.

Accommodation is arranged in four hotels. July 24-27 in York's Monkbar Hotel; July 28-30 in Redworth Hall Hotel; July 31-August 2 in Doxford Hall Hotel and Spa; and overnight on August 3 in the Sofitel Hotel at Terminal 5 in Heathrow Airport.

Room selections in all hotels are for double accommodation or twin occupancy. Should a single room upgrade be desired, an additional \$950 is due by May 1, 2025.

Pilgrims who wish to attend the full residency of the Christ Church Choir in York may extend the journey with four additional nights lodging in the Monkbar Hotel in York and join the choir in their events beginning Sunday, July 20, the evening before their residency. Total cost of the residency and pilgrimage is \$4500 (single upgrade \$1340).

Pilgrims make their own flight arrangements. We suggest a British Airways round-trip flight to London's Heathrow Airport (BA0066 to London and BA0067 return). We will provide ground transportation from Christ Church to the Philadelphia Airport for departure on July 23 and the return flight on August 4. Pulham's Coach service will transport pilgrims from Heathrow to York on July 24 and return pilgrims to Heathrow on August 3 for the return or onward journey on August 4.

Pilgrims are encouraged to purchase travel insurance. It is wise to have insurance that covers the cost of flights and the tour. Please make this arrangement with your preferred provider.

For more information, contact the Rev. Ruth Beresford at [info@christchurchde.org](mailto:info@christchurchde.org) or 302-655-3379.

To register for the 2025 Northern Pilgrimage, please visit the Christ Church website, [www.christchurchde.org/choral-pilgrimage](http://www.christchurchde.org/choral-pilgrimage).

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