



## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is the Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage?**

It is a gathering of young people from across the churches of Ely Diocese for 24-hours to experience and participate in worship in their Cathedral, to share their stories together and receive encouragement from clergy and youth leaders.

### **When it is being held?**

Friday 4 July at 5.00pm to Saturday 5 July at 4.30pm. We will gather down by the river in Ely to walk together up the hill for the 'final mile' of pilgrimage following in the footsteps of a thousand years of pilgrims before us. We finish after an act of worship in the Cathedral to which all are welcome beginning at 3.30pm on the Saturday.

### **Where are the young people staying?**

They will be sleeping in small groups under canvas in tents we will provide in the security of the Bishop's Garden, right next to the Cathedral.

### **What will they eat?**

All meals are provided (dietary requirements catered for where possible) by the Cathedral catering team. The refectory tent will be pitched in the Cathedral courtyard.

### **Where is it being held?**

Apart from the initial walk up to the Cathedral, everything will be either in the Bishop's Garden, the Cathedral or its immediate precincts.

### **Who is it for?**

Young people in school years 7 to 11. These might already be part of a group of young people in their church or one associated with a church there less youth provision available.

### **What can we expect from the acts of worship?**

These will be liturgical services designed for the Pilgrimage to help the young people experience the riches of the Anglican tradition in prayer and silence, in word and sacrament. There will be opportunities for young people to take a part in leading the worship, but while all may, none must.

**Can church Youth Leaders attend?**

Yes, recognised church youth leaders (including clergy) are welcome to accompany their group and join the pilgrimage team.

**How much does it cost?**

To help cover the cost of food, equipment hire and other resources, we are asking for a payment of £30 per young person. Should this be prohibitive to you, please contact us.

**Who is running the Pilgrimage?**

The planning team is comprised of employees of the Cathedral and Diocesan staff including the Cathedral's Pioneer Curate, The Revd Sarah Newns; the Canon for Congregation and Community, Canon James Reveley; the Diocesan Development Officer for Youth and Families, Mike Kelly. A wider team of clergy and youth ministers will be present over the 24 hours of the Pilgrimage.

**What safeguarding arrangements are in place?**

The event is subject to the Cathedral safeguarding procedures and policies. All team members will have been safely recruited and registered with the Cathedral or Diocese. The Bishop's Garden is enclosed and inaccessible to the general public. All activities will be group activities and led by experienced team members.

**What other support will be available?**

In addition to the team of leaders, we will have designated leaders available to assist with any medical or pastoral matters. Arrangements will be in place for the safe storage of medication, for example. First Aiders and Mental Health First Aiders will be on site at all times.

For any further questions, please contact [youthpilgrimage@elycathedral.org](mailto:youthpilgrimage@elycathedral.org)