

Strathearn Pilgrimage 4th - 7th May 2018



This is the third time we have had the joy of walking the length of the four congregations along the developing Three Saints Way - a lovely opportunity to soak ourselves in the beauty of the countryside - and this year the weather was

sublime! It was an opportunity to remember the history of the area, the Saints who first brought the Faith to us here and to enjoy good company en route. We do our best to keep the walk open and accessible to everyone - so help and patience became very important.



However, things were more challenging this year as we decided on the first day to walk from Crieff to Comrie over Turleum to Auchengarrich (those ice creams at the end were to be remembered). It was a pity to find that



the right of way through Balloch towards Knock Mary has been blocked by an electric fence. However, we didn't allow this to stop our walk.

Maam Road

The second day was perhaps the most

challenging as we walked from Comrie up the Maam Road to Loch Baltachan and



down to St Fillans. It took courage, but everybody made it in one piece. A

couple of times the path had been completely blocked by forestry works so some ingenuity and quite a long detour was needed to get through.



Loch Baltachan



Above Loch Earn

Day three and the St Fillans to Lochearnhead section was idyllic - a glorious Sunday, cuckoos calling, a picnic in the ruins of old steadings, masses of primroses and hawthorn and the beginning

of broom and gorse. As we were



approaching journey's end at Earnknowe Skye

arrived in her buggy so that she was able to join the rest of the dogs watching everyone enjoying a very welcome selection of goodies.



Where's our food!

The fourth day started with a steep climb up to the cycle track and over the dramatic Glen Ogle Viaduct.



Skye again joined us for a

good lunch at the Snack Bar at the top and then we all had a relaxing descent down through Acharn Woods into Killin where we had a celebratory barbeque at St Fillan's Church.



Final walk down to Killin

Paddy Allen



Journey's End

Special thanks to Ken, Paddy, the Pilgrims and everyone else who helped to make these four days so very special.