



COP 29 WAY OF LIFE - Pilgrimage for our Planet Nov 1-3.

Free entry Sunday to Auckland Tower and its 'Community Day'

Route: 8 miles approx. each day

Durham Cathedral -Tudhoe Village - Bishop Auckland (Auckland Tower exhibition).

Details

PILGRIMAGE AND HOPE

Join us for a 3 day 'Pilgrimage for the Planet' on the 'Way of Life', one of the famous Northern Saints Trails, along which St Cuthbert's body was carried to Durham.

In 2019 artist Helen Elwes painted her 'Mother of Mercy' image as a banner to take onto the streets, in a heartfelt response to the climate & nature crisis the world is now facing. Since then, this powerful contemporary Icon of Mary - 'Mother of

Mercy', set in the burning Amazon Rainforest, has been on many Marches, Prayer Vigils & Pilgrimages for the Planet across the UK, and in 2021 Helen walked 200 miles with her banner on the Camino to Cop26, the International Climate Summit in Glasgow.

A professional artist, Helen is a member of Christian Climate Action and a Laudato Si Animator (the Catholic Climate Movement) and is using her talents to highlight the inextricable link between faith and protecting God's creation.

As Cop29 begins in Azerbaijan in November she will carry her banner on a 'Pilgrimage for the Planet' from Durham Cathedral to Bishop Auckland where it will be installed in the Auckland Tower for the duration of Cop29.

Dates:

Day 1 Fri 1 Nov: Durham to Tudhoe Village. Blessing outside cathedral 9- 9.30 am before departure. 4pm arrival at Tudhoe village.

(overnight) **Day 2 Sat 2 Nov :** Tudhoe to Bishop Auckland. Blessing 9-9.30 am St Charles RC Church Tudhoe before departure. Arrive Bishop Auckland 3-4pm.

Day 3 Sun 3 Nov : Bishop Auckland 12.30pm Pilgrimage procession & installation of banner in AUCKLAND TOWER, where there is free entrance on that day and a Community Day of activities for all.

Everyone is welcome to join for all or some of the walk or join us on 3rd for the short procession & free Community Day!

Please support us either by walking, or with being there to welcome them at 1 of the 2 church blessings. Thank you!

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