



Student
Cross



*Do you have faith
in your feet?*

What is Student Cross?

Student Cross is a pilgrimage throughout Holy Week for students and graduates. Ten different groups (Legs) set off from different locations in the UK, walking around 125 miles in seven days, carrying a life-sized wooden cross. Pilgrims are provided with food and shelter by generous people and parishes along the way, with all the groups meeting up at the shrine of Walsingham in Norfolk on Good Friday, to celebrate Easter. More than 200 pilgrims of all ages join this Christian walk of witness each year.

What happens during the week?

Much of the day is spent walking – and that forms a back-drop to what happens within the group.

As we get to know each other along the way, and spend time in prayer and reflection, it can help us come to a better understanding of our relationship with God. This space can give us the chance to think about our path in life.

'I had time to think, form strong friendships and be myself.'



Who walks?

Pilgrims come from all over the UK and we also welcome international students. As the name suggests, the emphasis of Student Cross is students and recent graduates but many people enjoy the pilgrimage so much that they keep coming back long after their university days. Student Cross is an ecumenical pilgrimage which has a traditionally Catholic slant but pilgrims come from many different Christian backgrounds.

'It's a retreat on feet!'



'Love, laughter and life. I really celebrated Easter for the first time.'

Why walk?

People walk for many reasons but no two people get the same thing from it. Many students walk because Student Cross can often be an extension of a university chaplaincy – a place to find comfort, a sense of belonging and togetherness and yet a place that can be challenging and thought-provoking. Above all it is a great way to celebrate the most important week in the Church's calendar. New walkers are always welcomed and given lots of support. If 125 miles sounds like a long way it's easier than you think and you don't need to be particularly fit.

Is it expensive?

Not at all. Everything you need will be cheap or easy to borrow. It generally costs less than £50 for a student to walk for the whole week. The only other extras are for spending money and the cost of getting home (usually around £15). You don't need to spend money on expensive walking shoes either, the best footwear is a decent pair of worn-in trainers. If that's too much, don't worry – there's financial support available. Just ask for further details.

Want to know more or to book a place this Easter?

Check www.studentcross.org.uk for up-to-date information and contact details or find us at www.facebook.com/studentcross

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So, do you have faith in your feet...?