

**St Thomas of Canterbury Church
Goring on Thames**

28th June 2016

Celebrating with Thanksgiving

**Six nuns from Goring setting out in 1266 to
begin the Religious Life at Burnham Abbey**



The Celebrant, Revd Liz Dowding greets the people:

Hymn: *All my Hope on God is founded no 19*

Prayers of Penitence

Gloria

The Collect

Companion God,
who inspired Richard of Cornwall
to found Burnham Abbey,
and walked alongside our forebears from Goring Priory;
keep us ever grateful:
committed to the journey of faith,
challenged by the beautiful, wild Spirit,
abiding in whole-hearted love,
through Jesus Christ, the Beyond in our Midst.
Amen.

Written by Revd Hilary Campbell, Companion SPB

Lesson: Hebrews 11:8-10

Read by a member of the congregation at Goring

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:22-34

Read by Revd Ron Attley, *Companion SPB*

Sermon: Revd Mieke Gaynor, *Companion SPB*

Affirmation of Faith

All:

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.**

Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Intercessions: Sr Margaret Mary *SPB*

The Peace

Hymn: *Be thou my vision* no 64

The Preparation of the Altar

The Eucharistic Prayer

Post Communion Prayer:

God of life's pilgrimage
whose essence lights the paths before us
you reveal your glory at every turning
and bless us with your grace.
May our eyes and ears be open
our silences be deep
as we journey on,
sustained by the sacrament of bread and wine
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Written by Revd Chris Collinge Companion SPB

Hymn: *Will you come and follow me if I but call your name* no 740

The Dismissal



*Sisters and Walking Pilgrims are invited to gather by the North door for the **Pre Pilgrimage Prayer** spoken by the Revd. Mother, Sr Victoria Mary SPB. The rest of the congregation should remain in their places. As Pilgrims go forth through the doorway of the church they will be given a shell and blessing by Revd Sue Smith, Oblate SPB and Revd Chris Collinge, Companion SPB. Pilgrim walkers will then proceed around to the rear of the hall before setting off at 11.55am, led by Sr Victoria as far as the River Thames.*

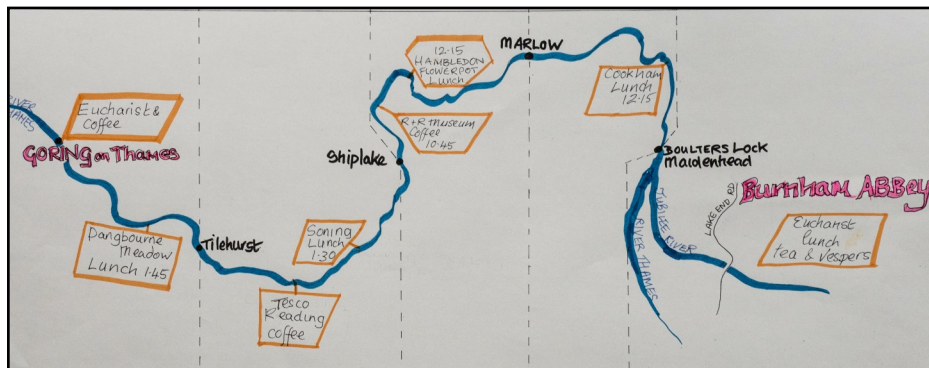
Pre Pilgrimage prayer

Holy Father, we praise and thank you for bringing us together here today.
Your Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary and your Word came to live among us.

Prepare our hearts for a new coming of the Word so that we, being rooted in Jesus, may be living signs of your presence to the men and women of our time. May our lives of prayer and this Walk of Pilgrimage speak in a new way to a new age.

Give us courage as we set out from here, bless our journey & bring it to a fruitful conclusion that will hasten the coming of your kingdom into the hearts of all.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Route of the Pilgrim walkers along the River Thames and the Jubilee River, Maidenhead