



Hope in the Wilderness

In about 400 AD St. Ninian came from Tours to set up the first mission amongst the Picts, building a monastery at Whithorn, having landed at the Isle of Whithorn. As he reached out from his "White House" at Whithorn, he also spent hours in prayer at his cave on the beach. Our Pilgrimage is a chance to follow in his footsteps.....

The Development Team for Prayer and Spirituality Offers the chance to join a Pilgrimage to Whithorn Led by Bishop Gregor and David Wostenholm
On Saturday 2nd September 2017

Transport will be arranged where possible.

Programme:

12.00am Arrive and Eucharist at St. Martin & St. Ninian's Church.

1.00pm – Picnic Lunch – please bring your picnic with you.

2.00pm:

EITHER..... Visit to St. Ninian's Cave, then to St. Ninian's Chapel on the Isle of Whithorn (if time is available). (The walk to St. Ninian's cave is not too long, but does cross a boulder beach and is not for those of limited mobility.)

OR.....Spend time at the Whithorn Museum and Iron Age Roundhouse.

4.00pm: Gather together at the Roundhouse, ready to head home.....

Ninian was hugely influenced, and perhaps taught, by St. Martin of Tours, one of the great evangelistic monks and Bishops shortly after the persecution of Christians came to an end in the Roman Empire. Ninian was inspired to travel to Scotland to set up his Christian mission where no mission existed. Many saw it as placing the Christian light in the midst of a place of where there was no hope, no faith. The Christian witness was established by Ninian not in a physical wilderness, but a wilderness of faith.

Ninian brought hope to that wilderness.

Today, we seem to live in "wilderness" - our political world, physical world, social world at times seems so uncertain. On our pilgrimage we will be reflecting on our place in the wilderness, asking how we can find and offer hope to our uncertain world

Will all those interested please notify Jennifer FitzGibbon at j2fg@aol.com, or Christine at the Diocesan Office, 5 St. Vincent Place, Glasgow, G1 2DH Tel: 0141 221 5720/2694 by 20th July.
Please indicate if you will require/could provide transport.