

A Shared Journey: Walking the Path between Thomas à Becket, Capel, and All Saints' Tudeley

There is a particular rhythm to life in a rural parish that is best experienced on foot. To walk the fields between **St Thomas à Becket** in Capel and **All Saints'** in Tudeley is to tread a path worn by centuries of parishioners, farmers, and pilgrims. This May, we have a unique opportunity to add our own footsteps to that history in the company of a very special guest.

On **Sunday, 31st May**, we are delighted to have the **Bishop of Rochester** with us to lead us in our "Walk of the Two Churches."

Beyond the Stones and Mortar

While our two church buildings are distinct—one famed for its medieval wall paintings and the other for its world-renowned Chagall glass. This walk is intended to celebrate that connection, reminding us that "the church" is not merely a collection of ancient stones, but places of welcome to the community as a whole.

The day begins at **11:00 am** at Capel with a short service. In the quiet of St Thomas à Becket, we will gather our thoughts before stepping out into the late May air. The walk across the fields is intended to be at a gentle, conversational pace—a chance to see our familiar landscape through fresh eyes and perhaps share a word with the Bishop as we go.

An Invitation to the Whole Parish

It is important to emphasise that this invitation is extended to **everyone** within the Capel Civil Parish. You do not need to be a regular churchgoer to take part. Whether you have lived here for decades or have recently moved into a new home in the area, this is an ideal occasion to meet your neighbours and engage with the Bishop in an informal, relaxed setting.

The Bishop is keen to hear about the joys and challenges of life in our corner of Kent today. There is no better place for such a conversation than while walking through the very fields that sustain our community.

Fellowship at the Finish Line

Our journey concludes at All Saints', Tudeley, where the physical effort of the walk will be rewarded with a **buffet lunch**. Here, under the soft light of the blue windows, we can sit together, enjoy refreshments, and reflect on the morning's experience.

In an age where we often rush from place to place by car, there is something deeply restorative about travelling slowly between two sacred spaces. We hope you will join us for this morning of fresh air, fellowship, and faith.

Join Us, Rain or Shine!

We are committed to going ahead on the 31st regardless of the clouds. **If the weather is poor, we shall arrange a car ferry service from St Thomas, Capel**, to ensure everyone arrives at Tudeley dry and ready for lunch.

A Note on Lunch:

Please let us know if you'd like to come to lunch so we can get some idea of numbers for catering. However, the most important thing is simply that you **join us**—we would love to see as many of you as possible on the day.

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