

GATHERING PLACES for St Albans Diocese Easter Monday Pilgrimage 2026

Please note – Tin Church Bedmond (The Church of the Ascension) is open for use of toilets for any pilgrims passing through.

St. Anne's Church, Luton are not participating this year.

Parish	Contact person	Email	Phone	Route length	Terrain	Meeting time	Return journey	Facilities offered
All Saints Leavesden WD25 0LU	Catherine Lawrence (Walk leader- Barry Wenham)	office@allsaintslife.com	01923 661862	6 miles (2 hrs)	Mostly on footpaths, going across fields and woods and past the old rose gardens. Muddy in places.	10am	Several buses go from Holywell Hill to opposite Harvester just before the traffic lights for the junction at St Albans Road/Horseshoe Lane.	We have parking for around 20 cars and toilets.
St Lawrence's Abbotts Langley WD5 0AS	Amanda Hawkes	adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk	01923 261795	5.5 miles (1 ½ hours)	Mostly on footpaths across fields and some road. Some gentle slopes, but nothing much in the way of hills.	10.30am to leave at 11am	Most of our pilgrims either walk back from the Abbey in the late afternoon, or arrange for lifts from St. Albans. Doing it by public transport is not easy.	Toilets and water/drinks at the Church Hall. Breakfast – may be available – please enquire. There is limited parking in the church car park, and lots of parking in the village car park which is about 5-minute walk from church.
St Michael and All Angels, Birchwood (Hatfield) AL10 0PS	Dave Gunn	Dave_Gunn@outlook.com	07597 421046	5 miles	We shall be walking the Alban way (the old railway line) into St. Albans stopping at the St. Albans Scout hut for lunch.	10.30 - refreshments, 11am depart	Possibility of transport for return journey	Car park next to the Church and Hall. Toilets available. Bacon rolls may be on offer beforehand.
St Mary's Welwyn AL6 9LX	Rev'd David Munchin	rector@welwyn.org.uk	01438 714150	7-8 miles	Fairly flat. Stopping at John Bunyan pub around 11, arriving St Albans around 1.30pm.	8.30 - breakfast 9.30 - depart.	Walkers tend to make own arrangements – there are often spare lifts available, but this can't be guaranteed.	Parking is relatively easy in Welwyn village, but there is no church car park. We have toilets. Breakfast available at 8.30. £5. Please book in advance, numbers limited.
St Mary's Redbourn AL3 7NL	Rev'd Rachel Wakefield	office@stmarysredbourn.org	01582 791 669	5 miles	Easy flat walk following the River Ver and then through Gorhambury Estate and Verulamium Park. Arrive at the orchard by about 1 pm for picnic lunch.	10am - breakfast 11am - Pilgrim Prayers 11.15 – depart	Maybe possible to give some lifts back to Redbourn to collect a car or get bus / taxi from St Albans to Redbourn.	Toilets available all day and access to the kitchen for drinking water Church open 9.30 am to 5 pm Parking in church or unrestricted parking on Hemel Hempstead Road.

St Stephen's and St Julian's St Albans AL1 2HY	Alison Pether	office@ststephenandsjulian.org	01727 862598	2 miles/ 1 hour	Easy walking, all on tarmacked footpaths, gentle hills in places. Route: St Julian's up to St Stephen's, passing about 12.50pm, then along King Harry Lane and into Verulamium Park via the Causeway footpath.	11.45 - hot drinks & hot cross buns, 12.30 – depart from St Julian's	Short walk down Holywell Hill, along Prospect Road and up Cottonmill Lane to the junction of Abbot's Avenue (20-30 minute walk).	Car Park, toilets, refreshments
St Andrew's Biggles-wade SG18 0AT	John Dilley	johndilley18@gmail.com or sign noticeboard in church foyer.	07854 869835	Coach trip then 5 miles	Travel by car/ coach to Harpenden and then walk the 5 miles into St Albans via Childwickbury. Terrain is easy - and possible in most parts with a buggy. Cost for coach £15 per adult, £10 per child.	Coach departs 10.15am	A coach returns from St Albans, there may be spaces, but booking is essential. Otherwise individuals need to make their own way back.	Church open on both Sunday and Monday. Spaces on the coach to Harpenden might be available but booking is essential.
Holy Trinity Leverstock Green, HP3 8LJ	Diana Stretton	dr.dmstretton@gmail.com	07807 341638	6 miles	Easy walking along roads and lanes, largely flat/downhill, only 1 field to cross	9.45 - breakfast 10.30 - Depart	If we know numbers, we can arrange to park a few cars in St Albans and offer lifts home. Or there is a bus service from Bluehouse Hill	Church car park - HP3 8LJ, toilets, cooked breakfast – booking required.
St Nicholas Harpenden AL5 2TP	Revd Sally Goodson	associate.vicar@stmarys.parishofharpenden.org	07840 926507	6+ miles	Mostly flat with some gentle hills. Walk goes through some fields and woods, it may be muddy.	10am	There are plenty of bus and rail services from St Albans to Harpenden.	Street parking available nearby or at Harpenden Leisure Centre in Amenbury Lane (5 mins walk from church). Hall has toilet and kitchen facilities.
St. John's Church, Sutton Road, Watford, WD17 2QQ	Meg Murphy	Meg.murphy.95@gmail.com	07415 801410	8,9 miles	Walk includes footpaths, grass and fields, trail, and road. Muddy in places. Some inclines, manageable hills, and uneven ground in places, but mostly flat. We follow	8am - Morning Prayer & pastry 9.15 - Pilgrim Prayers 9.30 –	Pilgrims make their own journey back, returning via public transport: 321 and 724 buses stop at Watford Junction, or the Abbey Flyer train runs a regular service.	Toilets, water, and pastry breakfast offered prior to departure. Paid parking is available at Sutton Road Car Park. Decent coffee, tea, and hot drinks are available from the cafe opposite the church.

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St Luke's Church, Langley Way, Watford WD17 3EG	Jill Rogers	rogers.j.l@btinternet.com	07817 680456	8 miles	Quiet roads towards Leavesden then on footpaths across fields and woods. Some gentle slopes, but nothing much in the way of hills. Occasional puddles. Bring picnic to eat by Abbey before service.	9.30 am	Pilgrims make their own journey back, returning via public transport: 321 and 724 buses stop at Watford, or the Abbey Flyer train.	We have parking for around 20 cars and toilets.