

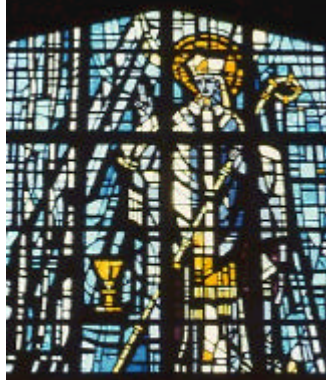
# St Richard's Anniversary *Walking* Pilgrimage

## 750<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of St Richard

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2003

**St. Richard's Prayer**

Thanks be to Thee, my  
 Lord Jesus Christ,  
 For all of the benefits which  
 Thou hast given me,  
 For all the pains and insults  
 Which thou has borne for me,  
 O most merciful Redeemer  
 Friend and Brother.  
 May I know Thee more clearly,  
 Love Thee more dearly,  
 And follow Thee more nearly.  
 Amen.



**S**aint Richard was born in Droitwich in 1197. He studied in Oxford, Paris and Bologna. He became the Chancellor of Oxford University, was ordained in France, and elected Bishop of Chichester in 1244. He had to live as a wandering Bishop for two years before the king allowed him to take possession of his Episcopal properties. He worked hard for reform and stamped out abuses. He was strict with the clergy and generous to the poor. He loved a simple life and the company of humble people. He was taken ill on a preaching journey and died in Dover in 1253. Pope Urban VI declared him a saint in 1262.

Each year the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton organises an ecumenical walk to a place, a shrine or an area exploring a particular theme, or aspect of our faith and Christian heritage. What we rediscover, year after year, is the amazing personal and community value of going on a pilgrimage as our medieval forebears did, where the journey walking, laughing, sharing, praying, singing etc. is as important as the destination. Every day we worship together as a Christian Community, not only journeying together, but also growing together in Christ-centred friendships.

We stop to pray in the churches we pass, many of which are of architectural and historical interest. We stop at a pub or inn for lunch and sleep in church, school or community halls with our luggage being taken by a van from hall to hall. Breakfast, sandwiches for lunch and an evening meal are all included in the cost of the pilgrimage which is kept so low because it is organised by past pilgrims on a voluntary basis.

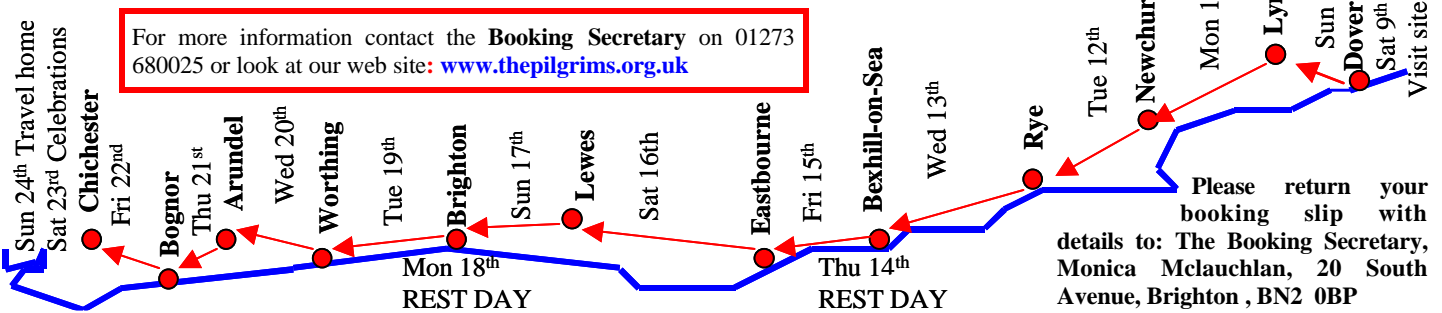
All you have to be is over 15 (unless accompanied by an adult) and be able to walk an average of about 16 miles per day...And a sense of humour is useful.

This year, along with many other Christians, we will be celebrating and commemorating the life of St. Richard. We start at Dover where he died in 1253, visiting as many churches dedicated to St. Richard as possible en route and finishing at Chichester where he was the Bishop. The route will undoubtedly take us along a lot of the beautiful South Downs Way which will have many wonderful Kent and Sussex views for us to enjoy.



**The cost is only: £110 for the whole way (£90 for under 21's), 7 nights and over at £ 10 per night, less than 7 nights at £12 per night.**

*For those interested, a coach to Dover is being organised to leave from Hove / Redhill on the morning of Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August, cost £7 (subject to demand).*



I wish to book for the whole pilgrimage £110 (£90 if under 21) *Please tick*  
 Or the nights of August: 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 *Please circle*  
 £ 12 per night for 6 nights or less or £ 10 per night for 7 or more nights.

**Please make all cheques payable to: The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimages.**

Name:..... Denomination..... Age: .....  
 Address: .....  
 ..... Post code: ..... Tel: .....

Please reserve a coach seat from Hove Redhill on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August (£7) *Please tick.*

If under 18 a parent or guardian must sign here: .....Print Name:.....

I enclose a non-returnable £20 deposit Signature: ..... Date: .....