

## Pilgrimage to Landevennec 2015 all by coach

SUN 03 MAY	MON 04 MAY	TUE 05 MAY	WED 06 MAY	THU 07 MAY
COACH TRAVEL	Arrive Roscoff 7.30am	EXCURSION	At abbey	Depart Roscoff 14:10
GENERAL TRAVEL	Arrive at abbey	At abbey	At abbey	Return via Morlaix
Depart Plymouth 20:45	At abbey	At abbey	At abbey	Arrive Plymouth 6.30pm

**ALL COACH TRAVEL COSTS AND ANY PLANNED EXCURSIONS  
WILL FORM PART OF THE INCLUSIVE PARTICIPANTS COSTS AND  
SEPARATE FROM FERRY COSTS**

It is recognised that a good mix of Christians from different traditions would benefit from the monastic experience and soon start to enjoy each others company.

There are 40 places available on a first come first served basis with new Pilgrims having preference. You will need to choose your overnight ferry sleeping arrangements (travel seat or cabin) which will determine your personal travel costs. The abbey accommodation costs (approximately 35 euros per 24 hours). We will help you with this planning.

The organisers will do all they can to make the pilgrimage as trouble free and as meaningful as possible.

If you are interested in experiencing this ecumenical opportunity, joining with some of our Christian Leaders including Bishop Tim Thornton, Bishop Mark OToole, Reverend Steve Wild, Salvation Army Majors Jean and Ian Harris, URC Moderator Rev Ruth Whitehead and Baptist Union Leader, Rev Jez Brown, please complete the slip attached inside this leaflet with all your details and send to the address stated.

Confirmation of your reserved place and further information will then be sent to you.

### **Gwenole, was known in Cornwall as Winwaloe, the patron of the churches at Tremaine, St Wynwallow's, Landewednack and Gunwalloe.**

One of Brittany's greatest saints, Gwenole is credited with founding the major abbey of Landévennec. The location is splendid: at the spot where the Aulne River enters the Bay of Brest. Destroyed a number of times, the medieval abbey's ruins are still to be admired, alongside the modern museum and abbey.

A model of 5th-century purity, and a miracle-worker, the story goes that Gwenole, somewhat following in Christ's footsteps, walked over the water from the nearby isle of Tibidy to found a new monastery at Landévennec, supported by 11 disciples. The abbey developed into one of the most important in Brittany, promoting a Celtic brand of Christianity at odds with the Catholic one.

Work began in 1958 on a brand-new Benedictine abbey close to the ruins. This has brought renewed spiritual life to Landévennec, with people from outside welcome to go on a retreat, attend services and concerts.

#### **Quote from Bishop Tim Thornton,**

"The abbey is in a beautiful spot and the monks are both very friendly and focussed on their life of prayer. The chapel is magnificent and I was physically moved by the power of prayer whilst sitting and contemplating the sanctuary and the altar.

#### **Quote from Chairman of the Methodist Conference Rev Steve Wild**

I came home renewed and refreshed and keen to encourage others to know something more about our friends in Landévennec and to experience their style of prayer and their music."

<http://www.abbaye-landevennec.cef.fr>



## Possible outline of the Pilgrimage

**Mon 4th** – Arrival in Roscoff and Travel to Landévennec (85k=1hr.20m) arriving mid morning. Allocation of accommodation.

**After Lunch** – introductions and a chance to familiarise ourselves with the Abbey site. First study session, each will be led by a Church Leader introducing discussions on some of the remaining issues surrounding spiritual debate. There will also be time for silent retreat.

**Tue 5th** - a half day's excursion to visit a point of interest. Afternoon - Second study session.

**Wed 6th** – Third study sessions and time for silent retreat

**Thu 7<sup>th</sup>** – travel home probably via Morlaix and/or hypermarket prior to catching the ferry to Plymouth

**There may an Anglican/Methodist Communion Service at some stage during the retreat**

### **PLEASE NOTE**

**The final programme will be agreed with church leaders nearer the time of the pilgrimage and when the exact number of participants is known.**



## **PILGRIMAGE TO LANDÉVENNEC WITH CHURCH LEADERS**

**3<sup>rd</sup> MAY – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015**



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