



**Lichfield Diocese Community of Evangelists  
Presents**

## **"Ponderings on Prayer and Pilgrimage"**

**Presented by Richard Barrett**

**Supported by Laura Lenander**



**Monday 12th  
October 2026  
12:00 noon – 3:30 pm  
followed by  
a walk for the more  
energetic!**

## **Telford Minster**

***Meeting Point House, Southwater Square, Telford, TF3 4HS***

[Telford Minster is located centrally with several car parks in close vicinity](#)

[Meeting Point House, 61 Southwater Way, Telford TF3 4LN Google Maps](#)

Nearest railway station: Telford Central station, Euston Way, Telford, Shropshire, TF3 4LZ

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To book your place contact Warden, Lynne Mills, at [lynne@fpe-network.org](mailto:lynne@fpe-network.org)

**Free refreshments are provided** – please state your specific dietary requirements

**If you are not a member of the Community of Evangelists, you can still come to 'try us out' - all welcome!**

## Richard Barrett

Richard Barrett first started working for the diocese in January 2008, but after 18½ years he still questions whether he's a grown-up yet! Until earlier this year he was part of the Mission Team and is now part of the Programme Team. He often forgets what his job title is (currently Programme Office Data Support Officer, apparently), but since late 2024 he's often described himself as the diocese's 'Stats and Prayer guy' – while much of his time continues to be spent in collecting and trying to make use of our attendance figures and other nerdy numbers, since at that point he had the pleasure of taking on coordinating the diocese's weekly prayer diary and biannual days of prayer.

If Richard's love for nerdy numbers and using spreadsheets for more tasks than are strictly practicable goes back a long way, then his love for maps and gawping over them to plot interesting routes between places goes back to when he was a small child. In recent years he has had the privilege of doing much the same as part of his job, in trying to plot the route of various pilgrimages and prayer walks around the diocese and beyond – only some of which have come to fruition! Another thing he's been doing since before his time working for the diocese was creating prayer stations and especially prayer labyrinths, something he's found a positive way of gently encouraging people towards ways of creative prayer.

In talking about Prayer and Pilgrimage, Richard will try to restrain himself from talking too much about the practicalities and instead more about the opportunities. Who may this be for, either planned or otherwise? How might this become a Jesus encounter?

But also – how might we be able to do similar in our own settings?



## Laura Lenander



Laura Lenander has now been at Telford Minster for over 5 years, first as Curate, then as Interim Leader, and now with a richly deserved removal of the 'Interim'. As well as many other qualities, Laura is a fantastically gifted artist and regularly uses that skill for setting up Creative Prayer Stations of which Richard is deeply envious! We hope the day will include some interactive prayer stations from both Richard, Laura, and more – we hope you enjoy the chance of using them while at the Gathering – and don't try to compare them too closely!

As well as Richard and Laura, Richard has promised at least a couple of other special guests to share their experiences of pilgrimage, creative prayer – or both!