

A bike pilgrimage on behalf of persecuted Christians, starting May 14th, 2022 from North Foreland lighthouse (Kent's most easterly point) to Land's End and then returning to North Foreland in June.

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I am a retired vicar of 78 and am starting to plan for a bike pilgrimage on behalf of persecuted Christians (being helped and prayed for and lobbied for through the work of Release and CSW -Christian Solidarity Worldwide), to take place between mid-May and mid-June 2022. This is a long way ahead, so I'm into early planning.

In 2017, I organised a bike pilgrimage from the north of Scotland to the Sussex Coast. Prayer was the most important aspect of this ride, though we did raise well over £50,000. Three of us did the whole journey and another thirty or so joined us for different sections of the route. We were hosted by 34 churches over 32 days.



From churches and Christians along our route, we will be looking for help -not with sponsorship, which the cyclists themselves will raise, but in two particulars: first with accommodation for our cyclists -evening meal, bed and breakfast and second, a hall or church to which we can invite Christians for prayer. To inform our prayer, we would show DVDs from CSW and Release. We would also love to recruit Christian cyclists from your area, who could join our pilgrimage for as much or as little as they can manage.

So, this is just an introduction to the plans I have for 2022, and with your help and encouragement they can be fulfilled. Of course, you will have questions, so please feel that you can direct them my way. So far, I have four cyclists wanting to do the whole journey of about 900 miles. There will be more. I am also recruiting car drivers as back-up support. Although our own attentions will focus on information provided for by CSW and Release, there are other excellent and informative Christian charities working for our tenacious brothers and sisters, who suffer so much.

Our intention is to be pilgrims -people on a journey of prayer. Tragically, the persecution of Christians in many countries is escalating. They would echo Paul's prayer from prison, when he wrote: "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Pray for us, too, so that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains".

You are being approached because, in many cases your church supports RELEASE/CSW. Your location, too, would be on or near to our cycling route. If you can encourage and pray with us, that would be marvellous. Thankyou so much for receiving this. It comes with full backing from Release and CSW. I or one of our team will be contacting you.

every blessing, in Christ. *Robert*

May the Lord cause you to flourish, both you and your children. May you be blessed by the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, Psalm 115 verses 14-15.