The Magna Carta Pilgrimage, 14 June 2015

Guidelines for Pilgrims

As part of the nationwide Magna Carta celebrations, the Diocese of Salisbury invites members of churches from around the Diocese and members of the public to bring a picnic to Old Sarum, and to join the following Pilgrimage to The Close at Salisbury Cathedral where the Liber-tea event is to be held.

Pilgrims attending any of the above events should note as follows:

1. **City Centre Car Parking and Shuttle Bus to Old Sarum** - Pilgrims may park their vehicles either at the normal city centre facilities and catch a bus to Old Sarum (see attached map for details). The orange pilgrimage shuttle buses will leave every quarter of an hour from 12:15am onwards from outside Iceland on Castle Street. The buses will be marked. *Please do not leave it too late to catch a shuttle bus.*

2. **City Centre Coach parking** - If you are coming by hired coach or mini-bus, parking is available in the long stay coach park, see map. Please be aware that this is on a first come, first served basis. It is a short walk from there to the shuttle bus. The parking at Old Sarum is not suitable for coaches.

3. **Car parking at Old Sarum** - Alternatively pilgrims may park their vehicles at Old Sarum in the signposted adjacent field, which will be open from 11.30 to 6.15. There is no shuttle bus at the end of the event in the Cathedral but public transport is available, see below, or it is a (shorter) walk back of about ½ hour to the Old Sarum car park.

4. **Drop-off point at Old Sarum** - There is a small lay-by opposite the Old Castle pub on the main road which may be suitable for set-down only for coaches to drop off pilgrims before taking the coach to the City Centre for parking. There is a pathway for pedestrians that leads up to the site.

5. **Public Transport to Old Sarum** - Buses are scheduled to run on Sundays for a journey time of less than ten minutes between 10am and 5.30pm from Salisbury, Blue Boar Row to Old Sarum on the hour from 10am (Andover service 8) and at thirty minutes past each hour from 9.30am (Pewsey service X5). For more detailed information, view the Salisbury Reds website [www.salisburyreds.co.uk](http://www.salisburyreds.co.uk) or ring 0845 0727093.

6. **Vintage buses** - There is a display of vintage buses in the Market Square on this Sunday. One of these buses will do trips that pass Old Sarum every ten minutes and you can take one of these if there is space.

7. **Picnic** - The event is planned to commence at noon and is to be held in the agreed area of Old Sarum Outer Bailey around the old Cathedral so there is plenty of space to bring a picnic.
8. **Litter** - Picnickers are requested to either deposit their litter in the bins provided or to take it away from site.

9. **Retail Outlet** - Light snacks will be available for purchase at Old Sarum.

10. **Pilgrimage** - Departure for The Close is planned to commence at 2pm, and it should be noted that it is anticipated that it will take some time for all Pilgrims to get on to the signposted path.

11. **Directions** - The route formally authorised by Wiltshire Council is to be adhered to and the Rules for Pedestrians (1 to 35) of the Highway Code are to be observed with specific attention being drawn to the requirements to walk on the pavement when provided and to obey road crossing requirements from either Marshals or signals. It should also be noted that appropriate care should be taken where part of the route is shared with a designated Cycle Route.

12. **Marshals** - The Lead Marshal; will ensure that the authorised route is free from unexpected obstructions, and the Front and Back Marshals will ensure pilgrim safety. Other marshals will be on hand to help at road crossings.

13. **First Aid** - St John Ambulance will provide cover from noon at Old Sarum, and subsequently at The Close from 3pm.


15. **Incident Response** - Any unusual occurrence that is perceived as being a threat to the Pilgrimage is to be immediately reported to one of the Marshals, who will inform the police.

16. **Lost Property** - Any unclaimed personal belongings are to be forwarded to Bourne Hill Police Station.

17. **Disabled Parking** - For those who are unable to walk the pilgrimage way from Old Sarum but would like to attend the Liber-tea, limited parking is available. For details, contact [fiona.torrance@salisbury.anglican.org](mailto:fiona.torrance@salisbury.anglican.org). You may park in the Close in any of the ‘S’ bays, as long as you display your blue badge.