



## Scottish Pilgrim Routes Forum



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**PILGRIMAGE**  
GATHERING 2018

**5<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – St Andrew Blackadder Church, North Berwick EH39 4NU**

### **‘Celebrating the historic ties between St Andrews, Lindisfarne and Durham’**

This year's Pilgrimage Gathering follows the same format as in recent years, focusing on the Forth to Farne Way long-distance pilgrim route which was launched last autumn. This highly scenic walking route uses existing core paths along the 72 miles between North Berwick and Lindisfarne, crossing the Border with England at Berwick-on-Tweed. It closely mirrors the overland route that mediaeval pilgrims followed along the coast on their journeys north and south to the major Christian shrines of St Andrews and Durham, places which today are re-establishing their roles as pilgrimage destinations. Over the past 4 years, the local Forth to Farne Way Steering Group, supported by SPRF, has successfully led an inspiring project to create and publicise this ancient route, enabling us to appreciate the spiritual heritage of the Northumbrian saints Cuthbert, Aidan and Ebba and the wider fraternity of the early Celtic Church.

The morning session of the Gathering will be a walk along the northernmost section of the Way, starting from the beautiful St Mary's Church, Whitekirk and returning to St Andrew Blackadder at North Berwick where lunch and the afternoon presentations will take place.

The walk is 5 miles over generally level ground on firm grass paths, farm tracks, tar roads and beach - see [www.forthtofarne.org/page11.htm](http://www.forthtofarne.org/page11.htm) Good walking shoes or boots, suitable outdoor clothes and waterproof jacket are advised; a walking stick / pole may be useful. We will be accompanied by Jimmy McGuinness and colleagues from the Steering Group.

St Andrew Blackadder Church is in the centre of North Berwick between St Andrew Street and High Street and is a prominent landmark – see <http://www.standrewblackadder.org.uk/>



North Berwick rail station is a 10 minute walk away via Westgate and Abbey Road, with regular services from Edinburgh – see <https://www.thetrainline.com/stations/north-berwick> If coming by car, there is parking nearby but it may be congested – see <https://northberwickparking.org.uk/>