

Some particularly relevant themes for reflection

St Edith loved to wear fashionable clothes even though under criticism from others. There is a resonance here in the parable of the prodigal son who was given the best robe. Luke 15v 21-22 "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.'" The parable speaks of the generous overwhelming love extended to all who turn to him regardless of serious past errors.

St Edith felt particularly drawn to Mary Magdalene the woman who is thought to be the one who poured costly perfume over the feet of Jesus. Mary was rebuked for this seemingly wasteful act however Jesus responded by saying "Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her." This pilgrimage route will help to continue the memory of St Edith and not least in her generosity in casting her wealth and noble position before the service of God.

Walking this route as part of remembering a beloved person in time of bereavement.

St Edith's short life makes it particularly pertinent when a young person is involved. The churchyard at St Editha's Church Baverstock includes an area allocated to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and the graves of a number of young Australian Soldiers are located there. Other such corners of graveyards are found in Churches along the route.

The location of the pilgrimage route near army bases at Warminster may make the walk relevant for those remembering loved ones who gave their lives in the service of their country.

Jesus said "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Gospel of Matthew Chapter 7v7

May you find a greater peace and a deeper joy through this pilgrimage.