

'Vicar on a Bike Press Release'

My name is Jane Durham and I'm a vicar who for many years loved cycling in my previous parish in Liverpool, but thought that my cycling days were over as I developed a long term health condition. So, when I arrived in Somerset I was struggling to balance well and even needed a walking stick at times.

However, with the grace of God, time and a great deal of strength training I have discovered the joys of electric assisted cycling. With the help of my physio, the gym at Strode and lots of hours training I am ready to cycle 275Kms across Somerset visiting 15 St Mary Magdalene churches to raise money for St Mary Magdalene Keinton Mandeville, to help make the church more accessible and versatile for wheel chairs, push chairs and those with mobility aids alike. The changes will also enable us to host events and services for the community and congregation.

The church is a listed building so we need at least £12000 just to reach faculty (planning) stage.

My plan is to cycle on 5 days in July, August & September 2026.

So, this one vicar will cycle, 275 Somerset road Kms, visiting 15 St Mary Magdalene Churches

Over five sunsets, travelling 3450 metres upwards & 3731 metres downwards

My programme is:

21 July Sparkford and Stowell (48km)

28 July Ditchet and Upton Noble (50km)

21 August Exford, Winsford, Withiel Florey, Clatworthy and Taunton (58km)

27 August Barwick, Cricket Malherbie and Stocklinch (64km)

15 September Great Elms, Chewton Mendip and Wookey Hole (67km)

With 54 estimated cups of tea, many portions of cake/handfuls of nuts and a lot of prayer!

Please do support me, and if you'd like to see me on the road then follow the Instagram account for details of where I will be when. My fundraising goal for this challenge is £15,000 please help if you can.

You can follow me here: https://www.instagram.com/wheathill_benefice/

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Photographs below, all at St Mary Magdalene Keinton Mandeville

