

POPUP HOPE

Prayer walking simply involves walking around your community, either alone or in a group, praying for the places and people you see around you. You may plan to stop at specific locations, or you may just walk and see where the Spirit leads. Either way, it is an exciting and engaging way to pray.

Starting from the Church Garden, turn right and continue beyond the traffic lights, over the bridge and onto Market Street, among the many small, independent shops. Pray for:

- Success for shopkeepers and support from customers for this attractive part of the town
- Safety from future flooding, which has caused so much damage and loss in the past
- Peace and contentment among the people who live in homes around this part of town



Opposite the Co-op supermarket, turn sharp right, up Hangingroyd Lane then to the end of Garnett Street and down the steep (and uneven) steps, stopping at the bottom to pray for:

- The distinctive character of Hebden Bridge to be cherished and enjoyed by all
- Areas of the town that are being redeveloped to provide much-needed homes
- Enjoyment of residents and visitors who use meeting places like the Old Gate pub



Tuning left, walk alongside the river, past the packhorse bridge, then right, across the front of the Old Town Hall building. Finding a seat in St Georges Square or one of the cafés, pray for:

- The work of councillors and officers responsible for community decisions and services
- Sensitive redevelopment of major buildings that contribute to the life of this town
- Events, performances, discussions and meetings that happen in the busy square



Turn right, down Crown Street, returning to the church garden, where you may wish to sit quietly and reflect on what you have seen, heard and prayed.