

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 left up Hope Street, past the library, then up the hill to the main road. Use the crossing and dog-leg up the steep hill to Stubbings Infant School. Pray for:

- People who use the library to learn new things, relax with a good book or seek advice
- People living and working in the flats and shops you pass on the way through town
- Children who are starting their learning journey and the professionals who will help them



Over the road, descend a few steps onto the cobbled path, taking care when crossing the main road. Walk past the White Lion, Innovation Mill and Shoulder of Mutton to the pedestrian area. Pray for:

- The families who have lived and worked in this part of the valley over the centuries
- The many small businesses and services that contribute to the town's character
- Public bars and their staff, that they provide safe community meeting places



Continue down the pedestrian area, alongside the wavy steps and packhorse bridge, where children often play and others enjoy the view, past the many cafés and down to the main road. Pray for:

- The sense of community created by places where people of all ages can meet
- Pleasure, relaxation and reflection that is all possible over a good cup of coffee
- Visitors and residents who mix together in this busy and attractive part of the town



Turn left, past the two bus shelters, returning to the church garden, where you may wish to sit quietly and reflect on what you have seen, heard and prayed.