

## LITTLE GIDDING PILGRIMAGE

**Saturday 11 July 2009**

Born in London in 1592, Nicholas Ferrar gave up a life in commerce and politics to move to Little Gidding, with his mother and his brother and sister and their families, establishing a life of prayer and charitable works. Ordained deacon, he was the leader of the household, foremost in the life of prayer, study, and work, setting an example of devotion and spiritual life to the English Church that has stood as a beacon to those who have followed. Nicholas died on 4 December 1637, and his devout life and example have consecrated Little Gidding as a holy place to this day. Our pilgrimage to his grave not only honours his memory and devotion, but also binds us into that same story.

**10.30am: Pilgrimage Communion at Leighton Bromswold Church**  
whose restoration was funded by George Herbert and directed by the Ferrars. Bishop John Flack presides.

**12 noon: Lunch**  
Enjoy lunch with fellow pilgrims at the historic Green Man at Leighton Bromswold, or bring a picnic lunch if you prefer.

**1pm: Start of Pilgrimage Walk**  
Gather at the 'hundred stone' outside Leighton Bromswold churchyard for the start of the Pilgrimage Walk to Little Gidding.

**1.45pm: First Station at Salome Wood**  
2pm: Pilgrimage Walk continues.

**2.45pm: Second Station at Hamerton**  
3pm: Pilgrimage Walk continues.

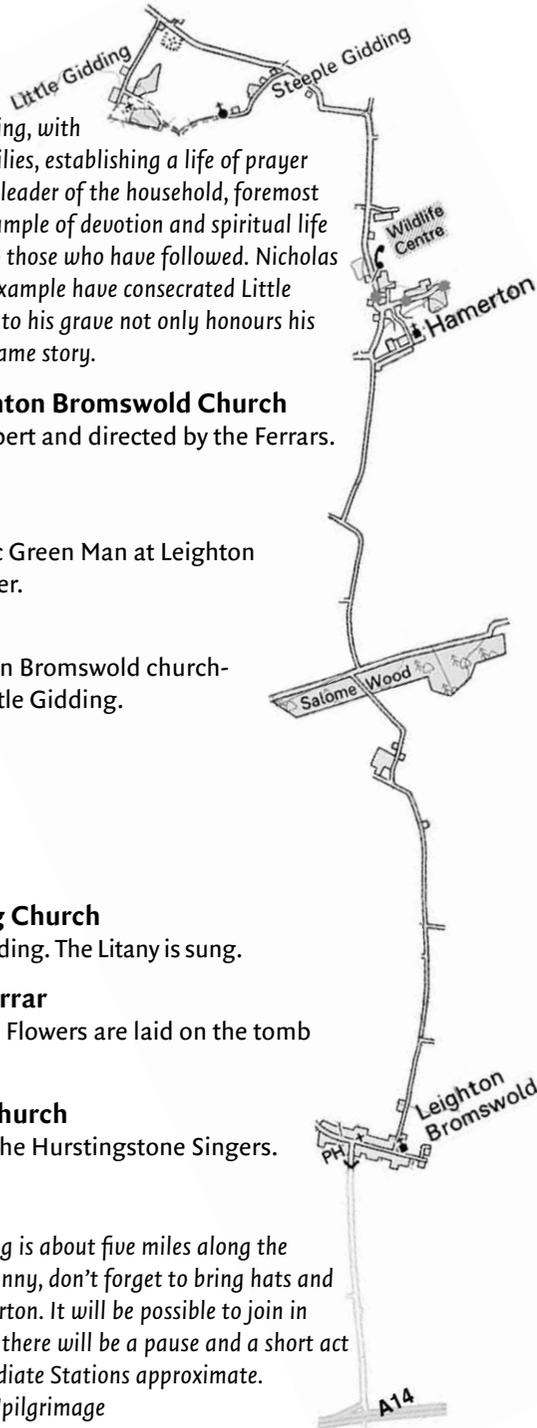
**3.30pm: Third Station at Steeple Gidding Church**  
3.45pm: Pilgrimage Walk continues to Little Gidding. The Litany is sung.

**4pm: Prayers at the Tomb of Nicholas Ferrar**  
All gather around the tomb of Nicholas Ferrar. Flowers are laid on the tomb and prayers are said. Followed by ...

**Pilgrimage Evensong at Little Gidding Church**  
Address by Bishop John Flack. Singing led by the Hurstingstone Singers.

**5pm: Tea at Ferrar House**

The walk from Leighton Bromswold to Little Gidding is about five miles along the country roads. Sturdy shoes are recommended. If sunny, don't forget to bring hats and water. Drinks and toilets will be available at Hamerton. It will be possible to join in along the route, particularly at the Stations, where there will be a pause and a short act of worship and commemoration. Timing of intermediate Stations approximate. For more information see [www.littlegidding.org.uk/pilgrimage](http://www.littlegidding.org.uk/pilgrimage)



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