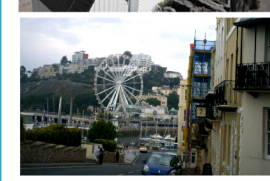
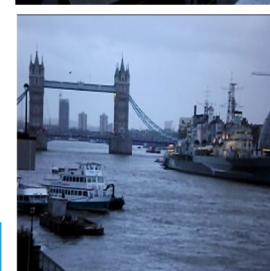
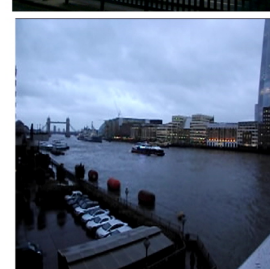
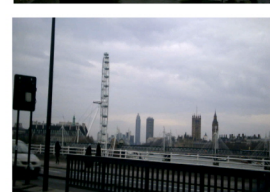
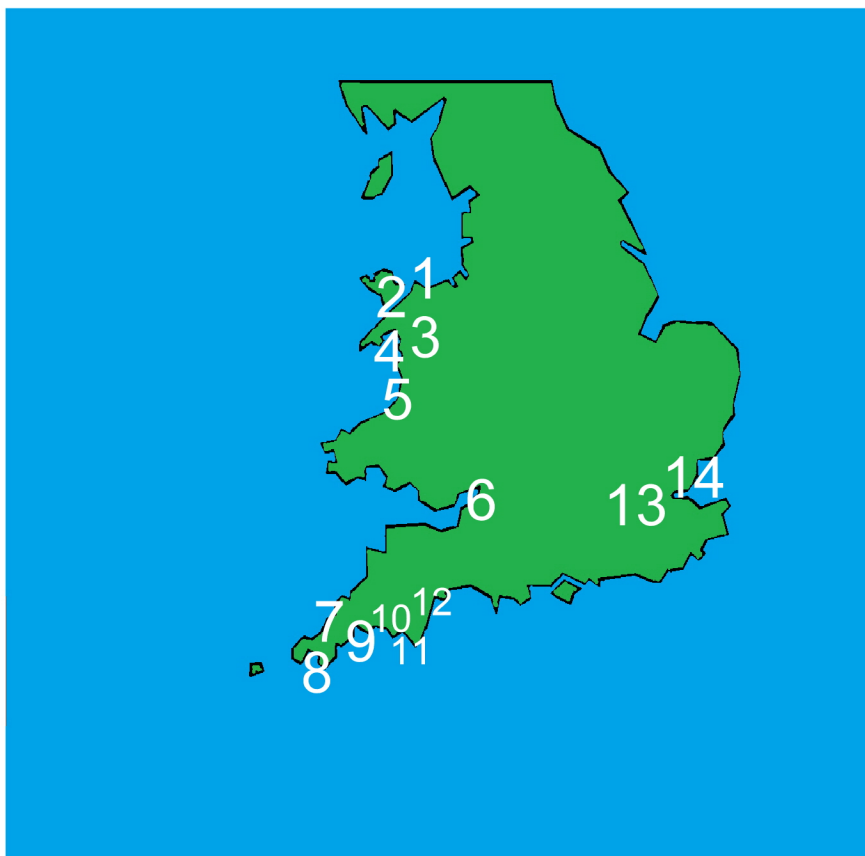




What I hope to do in the coming weeks is show you some of the walks that I did in order to reach one thousand miles. You too can follow me on this "journey of a thousand miles". Each walk was like a mini adventure. There were such contrasts, not just between different walks, but also within the same walk, as you find yourself looking back from where you have come from, to where you are now, and where you hope to be at the end. In many ways it parallels our way through life, there are hopes and anxieties, uncertainties and moments of joy and a sense of relief when we reach our destination. For those of us with faith in God, we know that this life is a journey towards having a more closer relationship with Him and with each other, yes we experience all of the emotions that I have mentioned above and even more. We experience the hurt and pain as well as the peace and joy, but all this only makes sense with God, because God brings meaning and purpose into this world. Without God our experience of struggle, joy, pain, hurt and love are pointless and the stories that we make of our lives don't mean a thing when we're gone. Someone once asked me "Why do you go on these long walks? Is it something to do with your faith? is it in the Bible?" I think the question was aimed at whether somewhere in the Bible it says that you must walk one thousand miles in order to be saved (go to Heaven). If that was the case then I think Heaven would be a very sad place indeed, not to mention that everyone would have sore feet. But the Bible doesn't say this at all. My faith is in what Jesus did on the cross, He paid the price with His body and blood. I could never earn salvation, not even by walking one thousand miles, coincidentally, the pain that I get from these long walks is nothing in comparison to the suffering that the Apostles and even Christians throughout the world today suffer. I walk because I am thankful to God what He has done and what He has provided. Hopefully some of these photos will give others an idea of what I mean. God Bless. By Philip Catherall



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