

# JOURNEYING WITH JESUS

## Week 3 Difficulties

The 40 days before Easter (Lent) is traditionally a time for Christians to deepen their walk with God. These weekly Prayer Prompts – journeying with Jesus in St Luke’s Gospel - are an invitation for us to find some time with God for ourselves and pray for our Beyond the Lychgate project.

*“Large crowds were travelling with Jesus, and turning to them he said”: v26 “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters - yes, even his own life - he cannot be my disciple. v27 And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.” - Luke 14:25–27*

Do you find these difficult requests? Not much room for compromise, is there?! It seems a big requirement to love Jesus so much more than anyone else that it would seem you hate those closest to you. But if it’s Jesus who is calling us to be his disciples then we can be sure He will prove faithful to us, our spouse, our children, brothers, sisters, etc. Our obedience will surely pave the way for them and others to see Him more clearly, both His love and His righteousness.

Personalise v.26 naming those you love the most. Think of a person you know who is following Jesus in this way (e.g. Canon Andrew White of Baghdad). Ask God to help you with v27. Give permission to the Holy Spirit to help you understand what it means to carry your cross in your life. Then thank him and rejoice.

Dear Father, please would you help me keep my heart at attention, in adoration before Christ our Lord? Amen. (adapted from 1 Peter 3:15 The Message).

### **Beyond the Lychgate Project: reaching, resourcing & supporting the Cogges community:**

Pray that we can navigate the legal process to purchase the old School House, which is integral to our plans, and ideally to also negotiate ownership of the old school playground (car park) currently belonging to the Diocese. This will involve negotiating a mortgage to complete the funding for this purchase. This is complicated in our context.

### **Church Open for Prayer:**

- Tue 10 Mar: 6.00–8.00pm;
- Wed 11 Mar: 6.30–8.30pm

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