

The road of Life

All our journeys in life, no matter how long, have a beginning and an end and we need to face them with courage, faith, fortitude, and love as taught by Jesus. And, listening to Jesus, we realise that sometimes we have to jettison all we think is important.

Whether we are journeying somewhere nice, somewhere near and familiar or somewhere remote and unknown – as remembered by the “Moon Window” in Washington DC National Cathedral with its tiny segment of moon rock in the middle – the journey is made easier if we understand that Jesus is with us all the way and we walk in Gods love no matter how easy or hard the road turns out to be.

This poem from the Lord of the Rings by Tolkien sums it up well.

The Road goes ever on and on,
Down from the door where it began.
Now far ahead the Road has gone,
And I must follow, if I can,
Pursuing it with eager feet,
Until it joins some larger way
Where many paths and errands meet.
And whither then? I cannot say.



Lindisfarne Priory
where St Chad studied
and from whence he
journeyed, taking the
news of God's love with
him all the people he
met.



The Celtic Saint Chad knew
exactly where he was going
as is clear from his prayer

On your path, O my God,
And not my own,
Be all my journeying,
Rule this heart of mine
That it be only Yours.
Peace between me and my God
May I tread the path
To the gates of glory.
Rule this heart of mine
that it be only Yours.
God's path would I travel,
My own path refuse.
May I tread the path
To the gates of glory.