

Christchurch Camino Group

Agenda

9 November, 2026

Our next meeting will be held in Learning Centre L 2 & L 3 Upper Riccarton library, 71 Main South Road, Sockburn, entry via the library main doors. Proceed down the right-hand side towards the café at the end.

Attendees are invited to give a **suggested donation/koha of \$5** to assist with payment of the council's invoice, (our costs have doubled with the new venue as we require adjoining rooms,)



6.45 pm

Registration

Please sign in, check your contact details and complete a name tag.

7 pm

Welcome

Apologies. Introductions; Name and Camino interest.

7.05 pm

Returning Pilgrims' Ceremony

For those pilgrims who have returned since our meeting in

August. There is also the opportunity for returned pilgrims to **recount a highlight** of their Camino.

7.10 pm

Departing Pilgrims' Ceremony

For those pilgrims departing before our next meeting in January/ February 2027. There is also the opportunity for departing pilgrims to briefly **announce** their Camino. There will be a **Shell Ceremony** for those walking their first Camino and for those departing who haven't been the recipient of a shell.

7.15 pm

Christchurch Camino Walking Group Report

Cecilia reports on the latest activities of the Christchurch Camino Walking group.

7.20 pm

Website

What Is new on our website: contribute stories and poems, articles regarding apps and gear.

7.25 pm

Journey Presentation

Visiting Camino Author, Q and A ~ Jennifer Andrewes in Conversation with Philip.

We are thrilled to have Wellington based pilgrim and Camino author Jennifer Andrewes join us in Christchurch for this session. Jennifer began long distance walking as an antidote to her diagnosis of early onset Parkinsons six years ago.

Presentation Format

Jennifer will answer preset questions on walking the via de la Plata Camino and the via Francigena, as well as writing about her Caminos. Following this we will view her short video of the Francigena. Finally Jennifer will take questions from the floor regarding any of her books and walks.

Background

Jennifer wrote about her time walking the Le Puy (2022), and Vezelay (2023) Caminos in '**A Will and a Way, on foot across France.**' Her book is available from Christchurch City Libraries, [5 copies.] Last year she walked the via Augusta from Cadiz to Seville and then on to walk the via de la Plata from Seville turning onto the Camino Sanabres completing the journey in Santiago de Compostela.



Image: Plenty of solitude! via de la Plata.

Jennifer's latest book '**The Only Way is Up, on Foot to Rome,**' about walking the Francigena from Canterbury to Rome was published in March 2026. She walked in search of healing, clarity and joy. It is available from Christchurch City Libraries (5 copies.) Jennifer will have copies of her books for sale: RRP \$34.95, tonight \$30 or \$50 for two. A great Christmas gift providing absorbing holiday reading! Receiving a signed copy will be a bonus.

She will also sign previously purchased copies of her books.



Image: Book cover

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8.25 pm.

Things to Share

Time to share books, clothing, gear.

8.30 pm

Small Group Discussion

A time for asking questions, sharing information and reminiscing in a smaller setting. Please include prospective pilgrims in your group.

8.50 pm

Pack Up

Buen Camino

Philip and Deb

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