

WELCOME TO UNLOCK WALK 34 BALA, BATTERSEA AND CLAPHAM

Releasing the Bible in Communities

The Unlock Walk 34 will not be starting at Llanfihangel-y-pennant, although it might be argued that's where the story started, nor will it be 26 miles long and we don't expect anyone to do it barefoot!

So what is the Welsh connection?

Mary Jones (16 December 1784 – 28 December 1864) was a Welsh girl who lived at Llanfihangel-y-pennant, Abergynolwyn, at the foot of Cader Idris near Dolgellau. At the age of fifteen, Mary walked twenty-six miles barefoot across the countryside to buy a copy of the Welsh Bible from Thomas Charles in Bala because she did not have one.

The story of Mary Jones and her Bible inspired the founding of the British and Foreign Bible Society. The route for this Unlock London walk has been inspired by Unlock's Partnership with the Bible Society. The two organisations have long been 'friends' but in 2015 we entered into a more formal partnership. This benefits both parties as we share a focus on the Bible as a means of reaching people and changing lives, and each organisation is reaching the parts that the other does not. One of the things that has always motivated me in my own faith journey is a deep desire to ensure that no one gets left out. We can do that in partnership far better than we can do it alone.

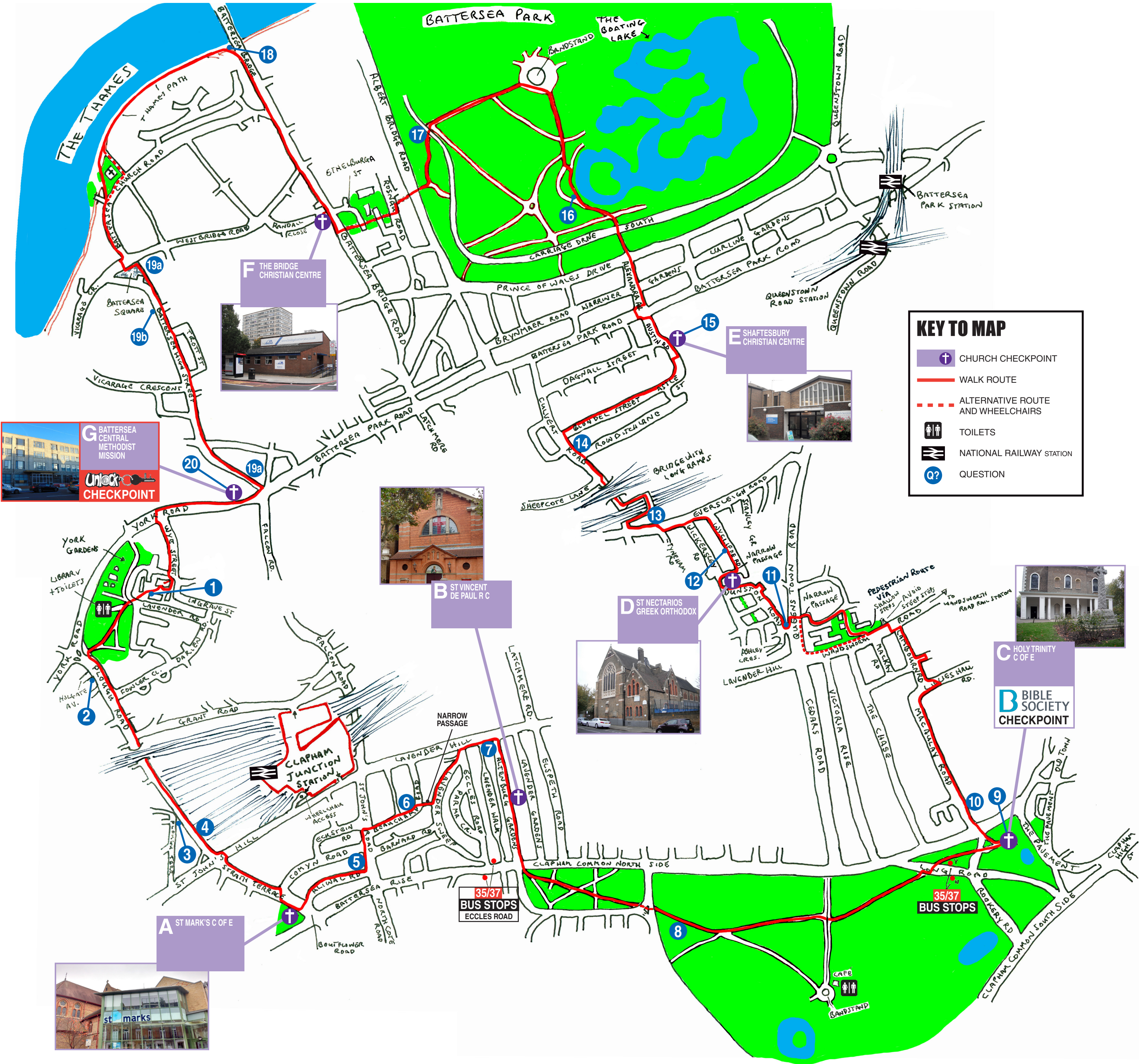
So this year, as well as including the usual Unlock displays and activities at Battersea Central Methodist Mission, we are including a visit to Holy Trinity Clapham on our route and here walkers will have an opportunity to learn a bit more about the work of our Bible Society Partners and understand how well the two organisations fit together.

Why Clapham? Because the Clapham Sect, or 'Clapham Saints' - including Thomas, Charles and William Wilberforce - were a group of Church of England social reformers based in Clapham, London at the beginning of the 19th century (active c. 1790–1830). They are credited with the founding of, amongst other organisations, The British and Foreign Bible Society.

We generally endeavour to include a range of different churches on our route and this year we have Methodist, Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox and two Community Churches. This reflects the fact that Unlock will work with any local group who want to work with us.

So as you walk please appreciate the variety of communities and churches and reflect on what each has to offer the other and what your churches may have to learn from the rich mixture you encounter. Please pray for the work of both Unlock and the Bible Society to bring people and communities into meaningful connections with the scriptures, as well as for the churches and communities through which you pass. We trust you will find the day enriching and inspiring.

Dawn Lonsdale (Unlock Chief Officer)



GETTING THERE

As usual walkers are encouraged to start anywhere and go either way, to avoid a bulge at checkpoints. Battersea Park and Queenstown Road Rail Stations are quite close to the route, as are Clapham Common Tube Station and Wandsworth Road Overground Station.

RAIL

Clapham Junction, Battersea Park, Queenstown Road.

TUBE

Clapham Common (Northern Line).

OVERGROUND

Clapham Junction, Wandsworth Road.

BUS SERVICES

Battersea Bridge: **19**
Battersea Bridge Road: **49, 319, 345**
Battersea Park Road: **44, 344**
Queenstown Road/Lavender Hill: **77, 87, 137, 156, 345, 452**

Note for the footwear: Bus services **35** & **37** run along Clapham Common North Side, linking Holy Trinity and St Vincent de Paul checkpoints.

IMPORTANT NOTE

LONDON BUSES ARE NOW CASHLESS

You will need a **Bus Pass**, a **Travelcard**, an **Oyster Card** or a **Contactless Payment Card**. An adult single bus journey on Oyster or contactless card is charged at **£1.50** (one change of bus allowed) and multiple journeys are capped at **£4.50**.

Travelcards are available from tube/rail stations.

PARKING

Finding a free parking space within the area of this year's walk is problematic. There is free Saturday on-street parking in some of the residential roads to the east and south of the walk route.

There is all day parking at Battersea Park, Rosary Gate, SW11 4PJ
Open 9am – 5pm
360 parking spaces.
£5.40.

Travelodge, 200 York Road, SW11 3SA,
40 parking spaces.
£12 for 9 hours.

WHEELCHAIR USERS

Beauchamp Road is very steep and so you are strongly advised to go clockwise.

The only wheelchair diversion is at Queenstown Road/Wandsworth Road, to avoid steps.

Sadly, the stations in the area of this year's walk are definitely not wheelchair-friendly. The only station with step-free access is Clapham Junction. Here there is step-free access to all 17 platforms from the Brighton Yard entrance (at the south-west corner of the station, on St John's Hill). Staff assistance for the step between train and platform can be arranged.

Otherwise, the advice is to use a bus from a station with step-free access such as Brixton, London Bridge or Liverpool Street, all of which are served by the **35** bus route.

Further information is available on the Transport for London website at:

www.tfl.gov.uk

LENGTH OF ROUTE

Approx 7 miles
Map not to scale

Date of next year's walk is
28 APRIL 2018

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