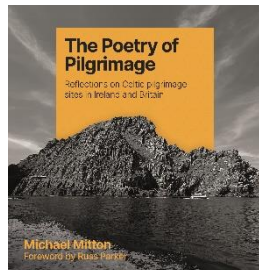


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## The Poetry of Pilgrimage Reflections on Celtic pilgrimage sites in Ireland and Britain

Michael Mitton

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A rich and original exploration of 23 pilgrimage sites in Ireland, Scotland, Wales and England, Michael Mitton's *The Poetry of Pilgrimage* is the fruit of many journeys to these sites, along with immersion in their history and the lives of the saints associated with them. There are vivid descriptions, fascinating histories, stunning photographs, biblical references, questions for reflection and, above all, 23 original poems. Michael writes:

'I have led many pilgrimages with my friend and colleague, Russ Parker (who writes the Foreword for the book), and together we have witnessed powerful encounters taking place when pilgrims visit ancient sites of Christian life and witness, hear the stories of faith and reflect on their own journeys through life. My own personal response to such encounters often led me to expressing the experience in poetry, and it is these poems that are contained in the book. I discovered, through sharing these poems, that they have life not just for me but for others, and I feel the time is right to share them in this volume.'

*The Poetry of Pilgrimage* will appeal to anyone interested in pilgrimage, whether physical or imaginary, in Celtic Christian spirituality and in writing as a creative response to deep experience.

### Foreword by Russ Parker

'I was there when Michael's poems were born. They came out of our days hosting pilgrimages together. They were written in the moment and read out either at the end of the day or on the next day. They captured something of what we had all experienced and gave us a touching place to appreciate and be held by the holy rhythms we had moved through. These poems were moments of ignition when the not-yet of seeking godly encounter became the now of renewal.' – Russ Parker

### About the author

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