



VIA BEATA

A way of blessing

Sedgefen way-station

This relief panel illustrates a parable that Jesus told, (see Luke chapter 8 v 4-15) about a farmer who went out to sow his fields with corn. Some of the seed fell on the footpath and was gobbled up by the birds. Some of it fell among the stones, where it shot up quickly, but then withered in the heat of the sun. Some of the seed fell among the weeds and was strangled, but some fell in good ground and produced a healthy crop.

Jesus' followers asked him what the story meant. He said that the seed was a picture of the words that God speaks. Some of us allow his truth to be immediately snatched away. Others receive his word in a casual way, so that when difficulties come we give up. Others allow God's truth to be strangled by worries, or the pursuit of wealth or comfort. Above all, Jesus wants us to be those who hear his words and obey them.

There is another twist to this parable, which is worth meditating upon. In his gospel, John describes Jesus himself as 'The Word of God'.

This art-work was made by members of the Seven Cs Community Project.

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The **Via Beata** was launched in the Summer of 2009.

It is on course to become a complete trail of Christian artworks stretching across the UK from East to West at its widest point.

Artworks which communicate the Christian Gospel are being commissioned and set up in situations where people can stop and meditate upon them.

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