

A motorbike in church!

A little while ago a friend of mine, in full riding gear, and with his wife as pillion, rode his Ducatti 900SS motorcycle into church on Sunday morning to help illustrate the sermon! This friend is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Motorcyclists. In 2004 another clerical member rode his Honda Pan European the length and breadth of mainland Britain, visiting the most southerly, easterly, northerly and westerly points on a 2,200 mile sponsored ride to raise funds for an extension to a church.

The fellowship is a nationwide group of Christians from all denominations who share a love of motorcycles. We are spread across the whole of the British Isles but meet

together regionally on a monthly basis for fellowship and either a ride or a visit to a place of interest. Members often represent the Fellowship at national and local motorcycle events, including the British Motorcycle Federation show at Peterborough.

I find that when people discover I am a biker all sorts of interesting conversations open up. The Fellowship always welcomes new members, whether current or former bikers, and information can be found on our website www.fcm-bikers.org.uk ■

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