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No 25. St. Michael and All Angel's Church – Great Wolford to St. Barnabas and St. Nicholas Church - Burmington

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Distance: 2.9 miles

Map: Landranger 151; Start SP 250 346

From outside the church the views across south Warwickshire are stunning and the churchyard is noted for its abundant wildlife.

Exit the churchyard of St. Michael and All Angels Church and follow along The Green as far as the cross-roads. Head to the R and to walk through the village and where the lane turns L to Todenham, take the lane SA and to follow the track along to Red Barn. Continue on from the farm buildings with the HTL and where the hedge runs out cross straight over the field in front to a PG by a railway sleeper bridge. In the next field head diagonally to the R and follow the FP that runs in line with Nethercote Brook, which is on the R. Exit out on to the lane through a FG by Mitford Bridge. Go to the R and walk along to the A3400 (Oxford Road). Cross the road and take the lane sign-posted towards Burmington village.

Climb up the hill to reach the cross-roads and then TL to walk through Burmington to pass a timber-framed granary on straddles. Continue on as far as the Church Hall on the L and to enter the churchyard of St. Barnabas and St. Nicholas Church, which is behind it. Your favourite spot in this churchyard;

No 26. St. Barnabas and St. Nicholas Church - Burmington to St. Martin Church - Barcheston

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Distance 1.3 miles

Map: Landranger 151; Start SP 264 379

Next to St. Barnabas and St. Nicholas Church there is a tranquil spot in the Memorial Ground, recently planted with wild flowers and offering a place to sit and enjoy the peaceful surroundings.

From the churchyard of St. Barnabas and St. Nicholas Church, walk out to the Main Street and go to the L and almost immediately take the ST by a FG on the R. Walk SA in the field to follow with the HTR down to a ST in the field corner. Cross the next field slightly to the L to a FB. Now walk SA to cross the field to a PG and then over slightly to the L in the next field to the field boundary. Follow the boundary along to a PG in the top field corner and out on to a driveway with the buildings of Manor Farm on the L. Keep the forward direction and follow the FP over a bridge and along to reach the village of Willington.

Walk SA through the village and follow the FP (part of Shakespeare's Way) which goes to the L by The Cottage and along to a FB. Do not cross the FB, but take the little gate in front to enter a field. Cross this field slightly to the R and to go over a FB/ST. Now keep a forward line with the river on the L to cross another FB and then follow the field boundary on the L to exit out at Barcheston through a combined FG/PG. Walk to the R on the lane and then TL to take the pathway to the churchyard entrance to St. Martin Church. Your favourite spot in this churchyard;

No 27. St. Martin Church's - Barcheston to St. Edmunds Church - Shipston on Stour

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Distance 0.7 miles

Map: Landranger 151; Start SP 265 400

The church has more of a Cotswold appearance than one is used to in Warwickshire. It's most distinguished feature externally is the leaning north-west tower.

Exit the churchyard of St. Martin Church and walk out to the lane. Go to the R on the lane and follow it around to a PG by a FG (part of Shakespeare's Way) to enter a field. Walk through the fence protected trees and then cross the field slightly to the L to a PG/plank bridge. Keep SA in the next field to a PG/plank bridge/PG and then keep the same forward line, over to a PG exit out on to the B4035. Cross the B4035 and walk to the L into Shipston on Stour. Follow Mill Street around into Church Street and along to enter the churchyard at St. Edmunds Church. Your favourite spot in this churchyard;

No 28. St. Edmunds Church - Shipston on Stour to St. Peter's Church - Stretton on Fosse

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Distance 3.6 miles

Map: Landranger 151; Start SP 260 405

Exit the churchyard of St. Edmunds Church and walk to the L, firstly along Church Street and secondly Mill Street and to the corner. Now cross the road and go to the R to follow the A3400 (direction Long Compton). Follow the road around to the L and continue heading out of the town along the A3400 (London Road) for approx. 900 yards.

Cross the A3400 into Shoulderway Lane, with the Cemetery Chapel of Shipston on Stour on the L. Continue on Shoulderway Lane for approx. 1000 yards to pass Shoulderway Farm on the R and then take the next turning on the R into a lane. Follow this lane which becomes a UCR at Horseleys Farm and keep a forward direction all the way, to pass Ditchford Cottages and eventually out to meet The Fosseway (Roman Road) at Golden Cross Farm.

Cross the A429 with care and walk to the L for approx. 80 yards and take the PG on the R. Now take a diagonal line to the L through the plantation of trees and then out into a field through a PG. Keep the same line to cross to a plank bridge/ST in the fence on the R. Cross over the horse paddock to a ST/FG exit by a cottage and then walk to the L along a short driveway to meet the road through Stretton on Fosse.

Walk uphill to the L in Stretton on Fosse and to enter the churchyard at St. Peter's Church, which is on the R.

Your favourite spot in this churchyard;

