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### No 40. Church of St. Milburgas - Wixford to St. Matthew's Church - Salford Priors

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Distance: 4.0 miles

Map: Landranger 150; Start SP 090 550

Exit the churchyard of St. Milburgas Church on to the minor lane and walk to the R, to follow along to the main road that runs through the village.

Cross to the pedestrian pathway opposite and walk to the R through the village of Wixford. Pass The Fish Inn on the R and continue on to walk with care, to cross both the bridge over the River Arrow and the one over the A46(T). Where the main road turns to the R, keep straight on to follow the lane ahead as far as the FP on the L, just before Ennister Wood. Follow with the wood on the R around to the field corner and cross the ditch on the L. Now go to the R a short distance and then TL and proceed with the HTR to eventually pass through a gap in the field corner out to a meeting of tracks. Take the wide track going to the R down to pass a conservation pool and on through the farmyard of Dunnington Court Farm and along the driveway out to the lane.

Walk to the R on the lane a short distance and then take the FP on the L to enter a farmyard. Walk to the R of the farm buildings ahead and then continue on the track in a forward direction through the fruit trees and fields to reach Tothall Lane. Walk to the L for approx. 200yards to the track alongside Tothall Farm. Now take the FP on the R which heads diagonally across the field on the R, aiming for the opposite corner. Cross the concrete driveway (with care) and follow the FP with the HTL as far as a wide break in the hedge. TL through the gap and walk diagonally to the R and to cross the field to an exit, which is just to the R of the single cottage. Cross the driveway to take the PG opposite and then over the little field ahead to a FB. The FP now crosses the next field diagonally to the L over to a way-marker post (but the locals seem to prefer the field boundary). Now walk forward with the HTL along to take the PG on the L. Walk to the R a short distance to take another PG into the grounds of the 1<sup>st</sup> Salford Priors Scout Hut. Cross diagonally to the L to another PG and then forward towards the way-marker post at the meeting with a cinder track. Head to the R here and follow along to exit out on to School Road, at Salford Priors.

Walk to the L towards the village as far as the meeting with Station Road. Now go to the L a short distance before crossing into the car park and then the churchyard of St. Matthew's Church. Your favourite spot in this churchyard;

### No 41. St. Matthew's Church - Salford Priors to St James Church - Weethley

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Distance: 5.2 miles

Map: Landranger 150; Start SP 077 510

Listen to the clock of St. Matthew's church chime on the quarter hours and take a look at the unusual semi-octagonal tower which may have been a beacon tower to guide travellers across the (often) flooded meadows and Rivers Arrow and Avon.

Exit the churchyard of St Matthew's Church and walk across the car park to the main gates. Take to PG in the left-hand corner to enter a small field and cross diagonally to the L to a metal gate. Now keep a forward line to pass through five pedestrian gates and another out on to the road.

Cross straight over into a driveway and follow as far as the Orchards factory complex. As you approach the complex, look for a gravel pathway going diagonally to the R and follow the FP with the HTL to reach a concrete driveway. Cross straight over and follow the FP with the trees on the L around to a field corner. Now head to the R and follow the Leylandii trees on the L, along to the next field corner. Walk to the L here along a pathway and TR through a gap in the hedge. Cross the next field diagonally to the L to a FB. Walk forward and around to the R to pass through a wide gap in the hedge. Follow the FP to the L here with the HTL all the way around the field corner and along to the point where the HTL runs out. Now keep SA and to follow the gravel track all the way to a large metal gate.

Go to the L and follow the FP between a post/rail fence and the brook to arrive at the B4088 at Pitchill.

Cross the A435 with extreme care (it is a very fast road) and take the driveway opposite and follow the FP in a forward direction all the way to an exit through a combined FG/PG on to a lane at Cock Bevington.

Walk to the R a short distance and then TL into a driveway and FP and follow to the large metal gate. Pass to the side of the gate and continue on keeping the same forward direction with the HTR. Where the hedge runs out, walk forward to a meeting of ways and go around to the L through a wide gap in the hedge. Now continue on in the same forward direction with the HTR and the brook over to the L across a wide strip of grassland. Keep the HTR all the way to the houses at Wood Bevington. Walk out to the lane that runs through the village.

Walk to the L through the village and up to Wood Bevington Farm at the top, where the FP turns R by a large farm building and after a short distance veers to the L down a stony track. Approx 350 yards along the track enter the field on the R by a way-marker post and follow the well defined track over a ditch culvert to reach a ST. In the next field walk around to the L and follow alongside Poole Wood until about 40 yards from the field corner where the FP enters the spinney of trees on the L and out to the lane at Morton Spirit.

Cross straight over the lane to enter a field by a step-over ST. The FP now heads diagonally to the R across the field, so aim for a point between the protruding hedge on the L and the wood on the R to reach a gap in the hedge. Follow the hedge in front, keeping it on the L along to an old barn. Pass the barn and go around to the R to another gap in the hedge and over to the hedge corner opposite. Now walk with the HTL and keep this line to cross the field diagonally towards St. James Church at Weethley, from where there are glorious views. Your favourite spot in this churchyard;

