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### No 48. St. Mary Magdalene Church - Great Alne to St. Peter's Church - Coughton

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Distance: 3.3 miles

Map: Landranger 150; Start SP 117 595

St. Mary Magdalene Church is situated at the end of a footpath off the main road (B4089) that runs through the village. Its situation means that the churchyard is a popular resting point for walkers on their rambles and comment on its attractions.

From the porch of St. Mary Magdalene Church walk down to the R to pass through a wooden hand-gate on to a FP.

Now walk to the R and follow the field boundary around to reach a wide UCR. Walk to the L on the UCR as far as the first PG and way-marker post on the R. Follow the FP with the HTL to pass through another PG and further on to reach a wooden FB that spans a brook. Continue to walk to the R and follow with the ditch culvert on the R up to a PG at the farm driveway. Cross straight over and aim for the protruding hedge corner ahead and then follow with HTR to exit out on to a lane through a combined FG/PG at New End. Walk to the L on the lane to meet Spernall Lane.

Cross over Spernall Lane diagonally to the R and take the wide UCR going to the L (part of Arden Way). Follow all the way to the meeting with a lane at Coughton. Cross over the lane and take the FB that spans the River Arrow.

Now walk to the L on the lane towards Coughton and TR at the brown Coughton Court (coaches only) sign. Pass the Trockmorton Family Catholic Church on the R and further on to enter the churchyard of St. Peter's Church, also on the R. Your favourite spot in this churchyard;

### No 49. St. Peter's Church - Coughton to Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary Church – Studley

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Distance: 2.9 miles

Map: Landranger 150; Start SP 083 606

St. Peter's is a large traditional church situated within the beautiful cared for gardens and orchards of the National Trust property of Coughton Court. The setting of the church together with the church's small but active choir and lovely peal of bells, makes St Peter's a much sought after venue for weddings.

Exit the churchyard of St. Peter's and walk to the L to pass the Trockmorton Family Catholic Church and along to the lane. Walk to the R towards the A435(T) and as you get close to the crossroads take the cycle path going to the R (to avoid the dangerous corner). Now walk to the R on the A435(T) to cross the Coughton Court (cars entrance) and then over Cain Bridge and to TR into the driveway of a property and aim for the PG ahead.

Follow the FP (part of Arden Way) by going diagonally to the L to another PG. Walk around a little plantation of trees to another PG. Now head to the L with the HTL and at the top field corner go around to the R and along to a combined FG/PG. In the next field, cross diagonally to the R and to follow the FP with the River Arrow on the R and the new Haydon Way Wood on the L, to reach a FB. Cross the river and head SA over the next field and to exit out through a PG with St. Leonard's Church, Spernall on the L (the Church closed in 1972 and is now managed by the Ancient Monuments Society, so it is no longer accessible, but the churchyard remains open to the public). Walk to the L and out to Spernall Lane.

At Spernall Lane walk to the L a short distance and turn R into the driveway of Spernall Hall Farm, crossing over the cattle grid. Follow the driveway (part of Arden Way) to pass through a PG alongside a second cattle grid, then forward to another PG with the farm buildings on the R. Now follow a wide FP between the HTL and a high wire fence on the R to a PG. Cross down to a PG/FB/PG to enter the field beyond. Now walk to the R with the HTR to meet the River Arrow. Take the PG on the R and follow with the river on the L until the river turns sharply to the L. From here continue on taking a slight diagonal line to the R, to brush the river once more to your L, before arriving at the PG to the L of the cemetery and out on to the lane.

Walk to the L and to enter the churchyard of the Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary Church. Your favourite spot in this churchyard;