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No 6. St. Mark's Church - Flecknoe to St. John the Baptist Church - Lower Shuckburgh

www.achurchnearyou.com/parishfinder Distance 1.8 miles Map: Landranger 151; Start SP 514 635

Exit the churchyard of St. Mark's Church and walk to the R to pass the Old School building, which is now the <u>Village Hall</u>. TL into <u>Vicarage Lane</u> and at the end by the <u>Old Vicarage</u> go through the FG and follow the BW on the L until halfway down the second field where it TL to cross fields and the canal <u>Bridge No.103</u>. Over the bridge go to the L and follow the BW with the canal on the L out to meet the lane at <u>Lower Shuckburgh</u>. At the lane, walk L to cross the road bridge and along to St. John the Baptist Church. At the <u>War</u> <u>Memorial</u>, TR to follow the FP and along to enter the churchyard through the gates on the R. Your favourite spot in this churchyard;

No 7. St. John the Baptist Church - Lower Shuckburgh to St. Lawrence Church - Napton on the Hill

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Exit the churchyard of St. John the Baptist Church on to the FP and walk to the L and along to the main road. Cross the <u>A425 (Southam</u> <u>to Daventry)</u> and take the PG to the L of <u>Glebe Farmhouse</u>. Walk diagonally L across the field and maintain this line to pass the corner of a garden, over a ditch culvert and a steep climb to a ST. Walk SA to make for a pole with a coat of arms sign and then continue on to follow a line of poles to finally aim for a large tree on the brow of the hill. From the tree take the FP going to the R and over to a ST by a FG. Walk uphill alongside <u>Long Hill Wood</u> (Upper Shuckburgh Church and Deer Park can be seen behind) and continue on until the FG at the entrance to <u>Beacon Hill</u>. Now cross the field diagonally to the R to a ST in the corner at a point where the wood ends. Go to the R here and follow the FP downhill to the gated <u>Jubilee Avenue</u>. Walk to the L to pass <u>Halls Barn Farm</u> and along to the road junction.

Now walk to the L along the road (direction Priors Marston) for approx.250yards and enter a field over a ST at the first FG on the R. Follow the track over to the farm buildings and go around to the R to find a ST in the hedge behind. Proceed forward in the next field to pass an old derelict building and on to another ST in the hedge. Now keep a straight line to cross a field and a farm track with a fine view of Napton on the Hill ahead. Continue this forward line until the field with <u>Pastures Farm</u> on the L, and look for the ST in the fence behind a small, fenced plantation of trees. On the farm drive go L and immediately TR to take a ST by the water troughs. Cross the horse paddock diagonally R to a ST by a FG which exits on to a BW. Walk R along the BW to reach <u>Dog Lane</u>. At Dog Lane walk to the R and bear round L into <u>Godsons Lane</u> and immediately take the wide UCR on the R. This eventually leads into <u>Fells Lane</u> and up to the meeting with <u>Vicarage Road</u>. Go to the R and walk along as far as <u>Napton School</u>. Now cross the road and take the lane (a UCR) signposted for (<u>Napton Church Only</u>) and follow <u>Hackwell Hill</u> up to the double gates of St. Lawrence Church. Follow the wall around to the R and to enter the churchyard over a ST by the rear hand-gate. Your favourite spot in this churchyard;

No 8. St. Lawrence Church - Napton on the Hill to St. Leonard's Church - Priors Marston

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Distance 4.4 miles

Map: Landranger 151; Start SP 463 612

To exit the churchyard of St. Lawrence Church, follow the path that leads down to a hand-gate at the front entrance. Continue on this path to cross <u>Butts Lane</u> and further on to reach <u>The Crown Inn</u>, High Street. Now walk to the bottom of the <u>High Street</u> and R into <u>New Street</u>. Pass the P.O/Shop on the L and then the <u>Napton Christadelphian Meeting Rooms</u> on the R at <u>Pillory Green</u>. Continue on to the corner by <u>Holroyd Farm</u> and cross into <u>Folly Lane</u>, a UCR (sign-posted The Folly Inn). Proceed along the lane to cross over the canal bridge directly in front of <u>The Folly Inn</u> and then TL to go down to the canal towpath. Follow the <u>Oxford Canal Walk</u> through <u>The Locks</u> and along to <u>Bridge No.115</u>. Pass underneath the bridge and up to the road. Now cross over the bridge and take the PG by the first FG on the L (part of <u>The Millenium Way</u>). Cross the field diagonally to the R to a metal crossing over a ditch culvert. Continue SA towards a FG but before reaching it arc round to the R to a ST in the fence. Now immediately go L behind a small building and L again up a drive to a PG at the driveway entrance and out to the road at <u>Chapel Green</u>.

Head to the R as far as Lower Farm, which is on the L where the road turns to the R. Now walk SA into the lane (direction of Marston Doles). Where this lane turns R, go SA through a FG and follow the BW (part of <u>The Millenium Way</u>) across four fields. The BW then takes a diagonal line to the R to cross the next two fields passing through field-gates to eventually arrive at a tree lined pathway. Stay on the corridor BW passing through a FG to arrive at another FG in the corner where the direction changes to follow with the HTR. Leave the BW after approx.430 yards taking the plank bridge/ST on the R into the field beyond. Cross the field diagonally to the L to a ST by a FG. Now go L to follow the field boundary around to a wooden FB, then walk to the R and cross the corner of the field to a ST and follow the FP over two more paddocks. The path then runs alongside the bottom of the gardens of the recent built houses to reach a tarmac drive to the R of concrete garages. Climb the ST and walk up the drive to meet <u>Shuckburgh Road</u> by <u>Priors Village Hall</u>. Cross straight over Shuckburgh Road and take the pathway going around to the R to meet <u>Vicarage Lane</u>. Walk L and almost immediately cross the lane to take the pathway on the R which leads into the churchyard of St. Leonard's Church. Your favourite spot in this churchyard;