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No 4. St. Peter's Church - Grandborough to St. Nicholas Church - Willoughby

www.stpetersgrandborough.co.uk

Distance 4.3 miles

Map:

Landranger 151; Start SP 492 670

A notable landmark is the spire of the historic Church of St. Peter, as are the two Wellingtonia trees which flank it.

Exit the churchyard of St. Peter's Church by the hand-gate at the rear, with the Old Vicarage on the R. Now walk SA as far as the second road bridge which spans the River Leam with the Mill House on the L. Cross the road to take the PG at the L of a FG and walk diagonally L across the field to a wide gap in the hedge-line. Continue around to the L to follow the FP out to Castle Lane in front of Castle Farm, Woolscott. TR and walk up the lane until just passed the drive for Birchen Fold and take the PG at the side of a FG on the R. Cross the field to exit out on to the lane. Now walk L and after passing Woolscott Manor on the corner take the lane going R (direction Willoughby). After approx.400yards go to the R on a wide UCR and continue down to meet the lane at the end.

Go R and walk over the road bridge and along to the road junction. TL and head towards Sawbridge and almost immediately TL again into a UCR (direction Wolfhampcote). At the top, after passing Gate Farm on the R and where the track turns to the R take the PG on the L. Cross to another PG to enter a field. Now aim diagonally L down to cross the wooden FB that spans the River Leam. Go to the R, towards the enclosed corner of the field and to climb a ST into the next field. Now continue SA to aim for Leam Farm. At the farm go through the FG and then negotiate two pedestrian gates on the R to enter the field beyond and walk around to the L to pass to the rear of the farm bungalow and on to a PG at the lane.

Walk to the R on the lane for approx. 300 yards, passing the entrance to Willoughby House on the corner, and then further on take the BG on the R to enter a field. Walk with the HTL to the top of the field, to take a ST in the left corner. Continue SA to follow the FP and exit out on to Moor Lane at Willoughby. Walk to the R on the lane a short distance and then take the tree-lined pathway on the L, alongside the brook and out to the road junction with Bath Farm on the R.

TL into Lower Street and continue along as it becomes Brooks Close. Follow Brooks Close around to the L and along to enter the churchyard of St. Nicholas Church. Your favourite spot in this churchyard;

No 5. St. Nicholas Church - Willoughby to St. Mark's Church - Flecknoe

www.achurchnearyou.com/parishfinder

Distance 5.7 miles

Map: Landranger

151; Start SP 516 675 & Landranger 152

Exit the churchyard of St. Nicholas Church and walk to the R down Brooks Close. The village duck-pond can be seen over to the left. Now cross-over into the entrance driveway to The Vicarage and proceed for approx. 50 yards to take a PG on the R. Cross the field diagonally to the L to aim for another PG roughly three-quarters of the way along the hedgerow opposite. Go L and follow with the HTL to the end and then aim slightly to the L towards a ST by a FG out to the A45(T).

At the main road walk to the L a short way and then cross with care to climb another ST into the field opposite. Cross the field diagonally to the L to a ST in the hedge just below the top corner. Walk to the R up Longdown Lane, cross the railway-bridge and then go down to the R to join the canal towpath at Bridge No.85 at Willoughby Wharf. Walk R - direction Banbury - along the towpath, part of The Oxford Canal Walk for approx. 1.75miles and then cross two white metal bridges at the junction with the Grand Union Canal. Continue SA to pass the moored barges and up to Bridge No.91 and then take the path leading to the R and up towards the A45(T).

Now immediately TR and follow the UCR track going to the R sign-posted for Wolfhampcote, over a cattle grid and across the site of the Medieval Village of Braunstonbury. Continue on to the ancient church of St. Peter's Wolfhampcote. www.visitchurches.org.uk

From St. Peter's Church walk towards The Hall Farm which stands on the site of the Medieval Village of Wolfhampcote. Where the vehicle track turns to the L just passed the farm, go SA to follow the UCR and on to cross the first bridge over the dismantled railway, over the second bridge, through a FG and around to the L to climb a ST and down steps to re-join the canal towpath at Bridge No.98. Walk to the R and follow The Grand Union Canal Walk for approx. 0.75miles. Look for a PG on the R about 25 yards before Bridge No.101. Cross the bridge and walk up the UCR towards the farm buildings at the top. Where the UCR meets the lane by Nethercote House TR and follow the lane towards Flecknoe. At the village, go to the R and then to the L by the Village Hall, to pass Bush Hill Lane on the R and up to enter the churchyard of St. Mark's Church, on the L. Your favourite spot in this churchyard;