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No 15. St. Michael's Church - Warmington to St Peter & Vincula Church - Ratley

www.edgehillchurches.org

Distance 2.9 miles

Map: Landranger 151; Start SP 410 475

St. Michael's sits high above the village near the main B4100 road. The churchyard contains many fine gravestones which have been recorded in a graveyard survey

Exit the churchyard of St. Michael's Church at the front, by the steep steps down on to Church Hill. Walk forward to the main road and down Warmington Hill and after crossing School Lane and a short distance further on cross the B4100 with care, to take a field entrance up to a FG. Climb the ST at the side of the gate and then follow the FP (part of The Battlefield Trail) over a grass terrace to a ST in the fence opposite. In the field, walk SA to cut off the corner of the field and over to the hedge on the L. Now follow with the HTL and to go over a plank bridge in the hedge at the bottom corner. On the other side of the bridge turn immediately L to pass through another hedge and over the ST ahead to enter the field beyond. Walk to the R with the HTR and then to pass through a gap in the hedge and continue forward to cross the next field by walking SA, aiming for the single tree in the field. After passing the tree to the L go on with the HTL and follow to a FG. Through the FG, cross the field to go over a ST just to the L of a small pond and then to keep the same line SA with the HTR and follow to the end of the field and the ST exit on to a driveway. Head out along the drive and almost immediately round to a PG in the corner and on to a grass verge at Arlescote.

Walk L through the village to pass the telephone kiosk and Pond Farm and then take the FP (part of Centenary Way) on the L. In the field cross slightly to the R to go over another ST and with the HTL begin a steady climb uphill. Just before the very steep section, veer round to the R towards the electricity pole and up to a ST at the road. Cross straight over the B4086 into the field opposite and walk downhill to cross a FB and then aim for the top L corner of the next field. Continue on the same diagonal line to reach the corner of a dry stone wall and follow out to the village of Ratley, along a track.

At the road turn immediately L and proceed along Townhill to reach the old village school and the Village Hall, which are both by The Green. Continue on down Chapel Lane and follow it around to pass Church Farm at the bottom, then The Rose and Crown Pub on the L. Walk SA to enter the churchyard of St. Peter & Vincula Church. Your favourite spot in this churchyard;

No 16. St. Peter & Vincula Church - Ratley to St Peter's Church - Radway

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Distance 1.4 miles

Map: Landranger 151; Start SP 384 473

A church with a traditional layout built of local stone with fine acoustics. This is the highest parish church in Warwickshire at 660 feet above sea level

Exit the churchyard of St. Peter & Vincula Church and walk to the L to continue along Church Street. Pass the First Post Office on the L and then along to the bend in the road. Now take the track on the L heading towards the gates of Manor Farm. Look for the stone ST on the R by the farm gates (part of The Battlefields Trail) and follow the field boundary ahead up to the first corner and then go SA to cross the field down to another ST by a FG. Climb the ST and head diagonally to the L to a junction of paths by a fence and small barn in the far top corner. Over the ST walk to the R and follow the track out to the road.

Go to the R on the road a short distance and then take a pathway on the L, at the side of the driveway to Grange Hollow. Follow this pathway on between buildings to exit on to the road at Edgehill, by the old post office. Cross to the Castle Inn and take the FP (still part of The Battlefields Trail) at the side of the Inn. Walk down the stone steps and then continue on the concrete path until a junction of paths. Keep SA to enter the field over a ST and descend with a lovely view over Radway and the Civil War Battleground. After passing through a gap in the hedge and over a ST in the corner of the field beyond, go through a FG and to follow the track out into Radway and to pass Radway Chapel on the L. - www.somc.org.uk A little further on the R is the pond. Continue up to the road junction by the water garden at Radway Grange. Now walk to the L and to enter the churchyard of St. Peter's Church. Your favourite spot in this churchyard;