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No 42. St. James Church - Weethley to Holy Trinity Church - Arrow

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Distance: 3.2 miles

Map: Landranger 150; Start SP 056 553

Come and see the lovely churchyard on a sunny day and look out at the wonderful Warwickshire hills and trees. St. James seems to have a special spiritual and peaceful atmosphere that ramblers passing by regularly comment upon.

Exit the churchyard of St. James Church and walk to the R to continue through the hamlet of Weethley and out to the main road. Cross the B4088 to the ST opposite. The route ahead is now fairly straightforward and easy to follow, just walk with the fence or hedge on the R and bear round to the R at the first old barn to again proceed with the fence or hedge on the R to pass Park Cottage. Continue on, again with the fence or hedge on the R to pass the old farm buildings on the way along to meet the A422 alongside Arrow Lane Plantation.

At the A422, go to the R and almost immediately go to the L and pass to the side of the FG and then follow with the HTR as far as the conservation pool. Now pass through the hedge and continue on with the HTL to climb a ST in the field corner.

Walk to the L down to pass through the FG ahead and then follow the field boundary around to the R and uphill with the HTR, to the open corner. Now cross the field to aim for a ST exit out on to the A435(T).

Negotiate the dual carriageway with extreme care and to take the ST opposite to enter a field and cross to the FB. Follow the FP on the ground in the first small field and then cross the second paddock diagonally to the L to exit through a PG into a pathway that leads between properties out on to Roman Way.

On Roman Way, walk to the R to cross Hadrian Way on the way along to the junction with Evesham Street. Now walk to the R and just before reaching Arrow Roundabout take the pathway going up to the R to cross the pedestrian bridge over the A345(T). On the other side of the bridge, head down to the A422 and walk to the R to pass the roadside cottage. Now cross the A422 to take the PG opposite. In the field, follow the FP going diagonally R towards Arrow Church. Pass through the hand-gate and then forward to enter the churchyard of Holy Trinity Church, on the L. Your favourite spot in this churchyard;

No 43. Holy Trinity Church - Arrow to St. Nicholas Church - Alcester

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Distance: 1.3 miles

Map: Landranger 150; Start SP 083 565

Exit the churchyard of Holy Trinity Church and walk over to the R to pass through the hand-gate and then head diagonally to the L across the field. Approx. 25 yards before the field fence directly ahead, look for a FB on the R. Cross the FB and then follow with the stream on the R to a ST by a FG. Walk forward and under the A435(T). Keep SA to take the PG/FB and then follow the path through a small plantation of trees and to exit through a FG. Now proceed forward to the way-marker post and then to walk over to the R to a PG. Follow with the River Arrow on your R, passing through pedestrian gates, all the way around to exit out of the field through another PG on to the lane alongside the bridge at Oversley Green.

Walk to the L and along to the Stratford Road. Cross at the crossing point and take the pathway directly in front over the grassed area. At the meeting with Gas House Lane, walk to the R and follow around into Malt Mill Lane. At the top of Malt Mill Lane where it meets with Church Street, walk along to the L and to enter the churchyard of St. Nicholas Church. Your favourite spot in this churchyard;

No 44. St. Nicholas Church - Alcester to St. Mary the Virgin - Kinwarton

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Distance: 1.2 miles

Map: Landranger 150; Start SP 091 575

The beautiful wildlife garden behind the church is well worth a visit. St. Nicholas Church is the central church of the Alcester Minster group of Churches. The building is an imposing sight which dominates the High Street in the town of Alcester.

Exit the churchyard of St. Nicholas Church and walk to the L along Church Street and around the corner and to cross to Alcester Baptist Church. www.alcesterbaptist.org.uk

Continue to walk away from the town centre along Church Street, which then becomes Henley Street and finally Kinwarton Road at Gunnings Bridge. Cross to walk on the left-side of the road and stay on Kinwarton Road (B4089) and follow as it climbs Captains Hill and to pass Kinwarton House on the L. Further on look for the lane going to the R, signposted for Kinwarton. Cross the road to take this lane and at the bottom by Glebe Farm follow around to the L and to enter the churchyard of St. Mary the Virgin Church. The Dovecote, managed by the National Trust, is a little further on. Your favourite spot in this churchyard;