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### No 50. Nativity of Blessed Virgin Church - Studley to Holy Trinity Church - Morton Bagot

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Distance: 3.0 miles

Map: Landranger 150; Start SP 082 637

From the Middle Ages the village of Studley gradually migrated to its present site around the Icknield Way, now the A435. This has given the church an exceptional tranquil setting.

To exit the churchyard of Studley Church walk away from the new part of the church to the L and follow the path down to a wooden hand-gate. Cross straight over to another to enter a pathway between hedges. At the end of this pathway follow the FP ahead to cross the field to a large open field entrance. Now follow the track going to the R and after bearing around to the R and crossing the stream, look for a PG on the left to enter a field. Follow the stream on the L, passing through pedestrian gates and an open gateway to reach a FG. Through the gate walk forward and take the FP going diagonally R through the plantation of trees, under the pylon lines and at the way-marker post, keep the same line over to a plank bridge and out on to the lane.

Walk to the L on the lane for approx. 700 yards and turn L into the driveway of Netherstead. Follow in the direction of Netherstead Court, then the cinder track and along to take the R of two field-gates directly ahead. Walk SA in the field to a meeting of paths – walk forward here to pass through the FG and then follow with HTR to a PG/Bridge/PG in the field corner, with Stapenhill Wood on the R.

In the field, walk to the R with Stapenhill Wood on the R. Pass through a PG and then aim for the single oak tree in the middle of the field. As you approach the tree, look for a PG/plank bridge diagonally down to the R to enter the field beyond. In the field, follow the boundary to the L, passing through pedestrian gates, over a foot-bridge and then keeping the same forward line to cross the farmyard and to exit out on to the lane through the PG, next to the large entrance gates.

Walk to the L and immediately turn R into the farm driveway and the approach to Holy Trinity Church at Morton Bagot. Your favourite spot in this churchyard;

### No 51. Holy Trinity Church - Morton Bagot to St. Mary's Church - Oldberrow

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Distance: 1.6 miles

Map: Landranger 150; Start SP 113 647

There can't be many churches and churchyards in a farmyard – but this is exactly where this simple 13<sup>th</sup> Century church can be found. Set on a bank next to Church Farm the church looks stunning and is that rare thing: an un-restored and un-neglected church. There is an iron-age fort clearly visible behind the church.

Exit the churchyard of Holy Trinity Church and walk down the farm-drive to the lane. Take the PG opposite and cross the field to a PG/bridge/PG. Now cross the next field slightly to the R to a PG on the L of two field-gates.

Walk to the L on the lane which leads to Manor Farm. In the farmyard, head around to the R to pass to the side of The Stables. Ignore the FP directly ahead and instead go diagonally to the L and up to a FG. Cross the next field (a part of Arden Way) diagonally to the L to a PG exit out on to the lane.

Now walk to the R on the lane for approx. 250 yards to take the PG on the L, just passed the entrance to Weatheroak Farm. In the field, take a line going slightly to the R to a PG on the L of a FG. Walk SA to follow with the HTR, over a ST by a FG and on to another FG to the R of a pond. Through the gate keep the same forward line with the farm-drive on the R to aim for a PG in the right-hand corner of the field, alongside the entrance to Spring Farm at Oldberrow.

Walk to the L on the lane with care, to reach St. Mary's Church, near to the junction with the A4189. Your favourite spot in this churchyard;

### No 52. St. Mary's Church - Oldberrow to St. Mary the Virgin - Ullenhall

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Distance: 2.0 miles

Map: Landranger 150; Start SP 122 660

The interior of this church is an oasis of calm and is surrounded by what is known as the best wildflower churchyard in Warwickshire.

Exit the churchyard of St. Mary's Church through the main porch and walk down to the A4189. Now walk to the L using the wide grass verge on the L for approx. 200 yards and then cross the B4189 to use the wide grass verge again on the opposite side of the road. Continue on and look for a way-marker post on the R, just after the entrance to Cadborough Farm which is on the opposite side of the road. Go to the R at the way-marker post, through the spinney of trees and over a ST into the field. Cross the field (a part of Arden Way) slightly to the L to another ST by a FG at Church Road. Walk to the R along Church Road towards the village of Ullenhall. Enter the churchyard of St. Mary the Virgin Church. Your favourite spot in this churchyard;