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No 53. St. Mary the Virgin Church – Ullenhall to St. John the Baptist Church – Henley in Arden

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Distance: 3.1 miles

Map: Landranger 150; Start SP 121 672 & Landranger 151

Exit the churchyard of St. Mary the Virgin Church and take the metal PG on the opposite side of the lane. Cross the field to another similar gate out on to a pathway which leads along to the main road through the village, in front of The Winged Spur Inn. Cross to The Winged Spur Inn and walk a short distance to the R and then leave the main road to pass to the L of The Old Central Stores. At the next meeting of lanes, bear around to the L and almost immediately take the pathway on the R with the metal hand-rail, to pass in-front of the Old Coach House. Enter the field (a part of Arden Way) through a PG at the end of the garden fence on the R. Head over to the R and to cross to another PG out on to a lane. Cross the lane to the PG opposite and then walk SA in the field to exit through a PG on to a Chapel Lane. Walk forward into Chapel Lane and where it bears around to the L, keep SA into a lane with a 'No Through Road' sign. Pass Old Chapel Cottage on the R and along to enter the churchyard of the Old Chapel – Ullenhall. The FP follows the left perimeter of the churchyard. Your favourite spot in this churchyard;

Exit the churchyard by taking the PG in the far L corner and to enter a field. Now go to the R and walk with HTR and then over slightly to the L to an open gateway. Walk in a forward direction to a PG/sleeper bridge and then follow with the HTR. Where the hedge runs out and changes direction, maintain the same forward line to cross the field ahead to a ST exit out on to a BW track.

Follow the BW track to the R and out to the road with Greenlanes on the R. Cross the road to the ST opposite and then uphill in the field to aim for the area of rough grass. Walk forward to pass a pit on the L and around to a ST at the field corner, to enter the next field beyond. In the field, walk with the HTL and then the FTL as far as the open gateway on the L. Turn L through the gateway and cross a small field to a ST and into the next field. Cross the field slightly to the L and to a ST out on to the lane.

Cross straight over the lane to a ST and then walk slightly to the R in the field to another ST. Now walk SA over a small area with a raised path to a ST/plank bridge/ST into the next field. Take a forward line with the HTL to cross three fields and two stiles to reach a wide gap in the field corner, by a water trough. Keep the same forward direction but now with the HTR to a PG. Through the PG, TL for another and follow the FP (part of the Heart of England Way) with the FTR and then to enter an enclosed path. Pass through two pedestrian gates to enter a path between allotments, cross the railway bridge and then walk down the slope to meet Station Road. Cross to the FP almost opposite, signposted for High Street/Shops and follow as it crosses Swan Croft and then the car park of the Swan Inn and along an alleyway to arrive at the High Street, Henley in Arden. Walk to the R for approx. 30 yards and then cross the High Street using the controlled crossing to reach St. John the Baptist Church, a most welcoming Church on which to finish the Church2Church Walks in Warwickshire.
www.henley-in-arden-parish-church.org.uk

The churchyard for St. John the Baptist is to be found on the site of the other parish church. Why not walk down Beaudesert Lane, which runs alongside St. John the Baptist Church. After 200 yards enter the churchyard of St. Nicholas Church, Beaudesert – built at a time when the ecclesiastical parishes of Henley and Beaudesert were quite separate. Your favourite spot in this churchyard;