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No 11. **St. Peter's Church - Wormleighton to St. Peter & St. Clare Church - Fenny Compton**

www.thebridgesgroup.org.uk

Distance 4.5 miles

Map: Landranger 151; Start SP 448 539

A church and village with very strong connections to the Spencer family and St. Peter's with its basic simplicity creates an immediate impression of timelessness.

Exit the churchyard of St. Peter's Church, with The Gatehouse opposite, and go to the R out to the lane. Now walk to the R and where the lane forks, follow to the R and along to the FG at the start of a farm track. Take the BG on the L of the FG and pass in front of the open barn and around to the L to follow the BW downhill with the HTL. Cross Bridge No133 and down to the L to join the Oxford Canal Walk. Follow the canal towpath to the R – direction Banbury – to pass The Wharf Inn at Bridge No.136 and on into The Marina.

Continue to follow the towpath through and away from The Marina to eventually cross over to the other side of the canal at the metal Bridge No.137. Now leave the towpath and climb up the steps on the L and around to a ST by a FG and out to the main road (A423). Walk to the R along the A423 to the far side of the road bridges. Now look for the BG on the R to enter a field. Walk around to the L and over to a wide farm track. Go to the R on the BW and walk as far as the second way-marker post. TR here on to the FP and head gently uphill with HTR until just passed the old barns and then cross the ST on the R and follow the FP through a small spinney. Out of the trees, keep SA with the HTR to a ST in the field corner. Now take a diagonal line to the R across to a hedge corner and follow with the HTR to a ST to enter into a small paddock at Mill Hill. Cross to the FG and out on to a concrete drive. Continue down the drive to meet Mill Lane and then on to the road junction with The Merrie Lion Inn at the bottom.

TL into the High Street and walk along to pass Fenny Compton P.O. and then the small Fenny Compton Methodist Chapel
www.somc.org.uk

Continue along the High Street towards the War Memorial. Go to the L here to pass the school and then around the corner into Church Street. Just after the entrance to the Old Rectory, TL into Dog Lane. Proceed along and to enter the churchyard to St. Peter and St. Clare Church. Your favourite spot in this churchyard;

No 12. **St. Peter & St. Clare Church - Fenny Compton to All Saints Church - Burton Dassett**

www.dassettmagna.org.uk

Distance 1.6 miles

Map: Landranger 151; Start SP 417 521

Exit the churchyard of St. Peter & St. Clare Church and walk to the R along Dog Lane to Church Street. Walk to the L in Church Street and along to the junction with Bridge Street. Now head to the R along Bridge Street as far as the first bend and then take the BW track SA by Woad Barn. Follow the track around to pass a barn, and on through two gateways. Now head to the R and follow the BW up Gredenton Hill with the HTR to reach a FG. In the next field, follow the track on the ground up to double gates, passing Fox Covert spinney on the R. From here walk diagonally L, to aim for a point to the R of the mound in front, and over to a track. Walk to the L up to a BG by a FG and out on to the lane leading towards Burton Dassett Country Park.

Head to the R on the lane to pass both Caudle Hill Farm and the White House, and then over the cattle grid entrance to the Burton Dassett Country Park. Proceed forward to the first road directions post. Follow in the direction of The Church, to pass through the village and along to enter the churchyard of All Saints Church. Your favourite spot in this churchyard;