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No 17. St. Peter's Church - Radway to Assumption of the Blessed Mary - Middle Tysoe

www.edgehillchurches.org

Distance 3.8 miles

Map: Landranger 151; Start SP 368 481

St. Peter's - Radway lies at the foot of the escarpment within the area where the first battle of the Civil War was fought in 1642

Exit the churchyard of St. Peter's Church and walk to the R to follow the lane until it bends sharply to the R. TL here into King John Lane (no through road). At a junction of FP's opposite a house take the FG/PG on the R and then head diagonally to the L across the field to a PG about halfway along in the hedge opposite. Keep roughly this same diagonal line in the next field to pass through a FG and on to another FG at the side of the electricity pole in front of Westcote Manor Farm. Through the gate follow the garden fence of the cottages around and uphill to a PG in the top corner of the field. On the driveway walk to the R a short distance to the entrance of Westcote Manor and take the FG/PG on the R. Now head over to the L, to pass in front of the house and on to a BG/PG to enter a wood. In the wood, walk uphill approx. 25 yards and turn R to follow a wide stoned track out to a BG exit on to the A422 (Stratford to Banbury Road).

Walk down Sun Rising Hill with care and just passed the house at the bottom, cross the A422 and take the FP on the L, by a FG. Cross the field to enter the spinney of trees over a plank bridge. Now continue SA in the next field to aim for the double stiles in the far right-hand corner. From here head diagonally over to the hedge on the L and follow with HTL to cross two stiles in quick succession and then SA in the next field to another ST. From here, take a diagonal line to the R to pass a single tree and the corner of the next field by a water trough and on to join the BW track coming from the L. Follow the BW to the R passing through two field-gates to exit on to the road by the pumping station at the side of Hopkins Farm.

Walk SA towards Lower Tysoe, cross Badgers Lane and further on where the road bends to the R, turn L into Lane End. Continue on as far as Home Farm on the R and then take the FP opposite at the side of Three Elms Bungalow. In the field walk SA to cross to a FB, and then head diagonally to the R, to go over a ST in the corner of the field. Keep this diagonal line across the next two fields to aim for a PG in the corner to the R of the new houses. A short pathway leads out to School Lane with Tysoe School on the R. Walk to the L along School Lane and to enter the churchyard of the Assumption of the Blessed Mary Church. Your favourite spot in this churchyard;

No 18. Assumption of the Blessed Mary - Middle Tysoe to St. George's Church - Lower Brailes

www.shipstondeanery.co.uk

Distance 4.6 miles

Map: Landranger 151; Start SP 341 444

Exit the churchyard of the Assumption of the Blessed Mary Church and walk to the R along Main Street into the village. Pass The Peacock Inn and the village shop/P.O on the R and the Village Hall and Tysoe Methodist Church on the left. www.somc.org.uk

Continue along Main Street to pass Tysoe Fire Station and ahead is Upper Tysoe. At Upper Tysoe turn R into Shipston Road and follow to pass the entrance to Tysoe Manor on the sharp corner and continue down the hill heading out of the village. At the bottom of the hill, where the road bends to the R, look for a PG on the L. In the field walk SA to cross to the field boundary opposite and follow up Windmill Hill with HTL to the disused windmill at the summit. Walk away from the windmill towards a ST in the L corner, from where there is a fine view over Compton Wynyates and the estate Church. Over the ST the FP goes to the R and winds through the trees to another ST. Turn L and head down the steps and on to follow the FP to eventually exit out on to the lane at the end of a wide grass track through a FG/PG.

On the lane, walk to the L and take the ST by a FG on the R, just passed the pair of cottages on the same side. Cross straight over the first field to another ST by a FG and then keep this forward line to pass over another ST, through an open gateway and to follow with Winterwood Spinney on the L. Where the HTL runs out, keep SA to exit on to the lane over a ST by a FG.

Walk to the L along the lane towards Winderton and take the ST next to a FG on the R, underneath the imposing elevated setting of the redundant church of St. Peter and St. Paul. In the field, follow FP49 by crossing SA to a ST by a FG and then keep this same line over to a FB. Now walk diagonally to the R and over to the hedge and follow with the HTR as far as the ST. In the next field continue with HTR and where the hedge turns to the L, go over the ST. Now follow with the HTL and around to a ST by a FG. Walk SA across the field to a ST exit on to the car-park. St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church is on the opposite side of the car-park. www.catholicbrailes.org.uk

Walk to the R along Friars Lane and out to the main road through the village. Turn R and walk up to pass The Old Parsonage and on to enter the churchyard of St. George's Church. Your favourite spot in this churchyard;