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No 13. All Saints Church - Burton Dassett to St. Botolph's Church - Farnborough

www.dassettmagna.org.uk

Distance 4.6 miles

Map: Landranger 151; Start SP 399 515

The power of place that this building exudes is remarkable and its setting amongst the Burton Dassett Hills is second to none; it is a beautiful and tranquil church.

To exit the churchyard of All Saints Church, take the stone ST and PG on the R at the rear of the church (part of Centenary Way) to enter a paddock. Cross the paddock to another ST/PG. Now walk diagonally R over to a PG to enter the next field. Cross this field diagonally L to a ST/PG. Keep this same diagonal L line in the next larger field over to a ST and FB. Now walk forward with the HTL, to pass some farm buildings on the L at Bitham Hill and to continue on as far as the way-marker post. From here, head diagonally R over to a ST in the fence. Walk SA across the next field to a FG entrance into Park Close. Follow out to the main road through the village. The Avon Pub is on the R and St. Joseph's Catholic Church is almost opposite on the L. www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Walk uphill through the village and to enter the churchyard of St. John the Baptist Church, by climbing the steps. www.visitchurches.org.uk

Exit the churchyard down the steps and walk uphill to the R a short distance to take the FP on the R, just before the cottages. Follow this pathway which eventually has hedging on both sides out to a lane. Cross the lane over to the R and to a ST. In the field walk forward a little and then follow the hedge and fence on the left to a FG in the bottom L corner. Follow the pathway to a ST by a FG to enter a field. Walk SA in the field to aim for a ST by a FG, to the R of the property and out on to a lane. Cross straight over the lane to the ST opposite and head across the field to an open gateway. Now walk diagonally L to the hedge corner and then follow up-hill with HTL to cross the farmyard entrance on the L. Continue on with the HTL and where the hedge runs out, cross straight over to again follow with the HTL and down to a way- marker post. Cross the field SA to aim for a ST, which is near the field corner in the hedge opposite. Continue the same forward line in the next field to a PG and FB exit out on to a lane, called The Slade.

Walk to the R along The Slade for approx.1600 yards and take the ST on the R to enter a field. Head diagonally to the L and cross the field to a ST in the hedge, just to the R of the FG. Go over to the L and to another ST by a FG. Now walk diagonally uphill to the R to pass to the L of a clump of trees and on over Windmill Hill to take the right-hand of three gates in the fence opposite. Through the gate, head down to a ST in the bottom corner and follow the pathway out to reach Farnborough village, alongside Heydons Terrace. Walk to the R through the village and just after the first bend in the road, with the Reading Room on the L, take the pedestrian footpath on the L which climbs with a metal handrail. Follow the path up to go through a barrier fence and along to enter the churchyard of St. Botolph's Church, through the side gate. Your favourite spot in this churchyard;

No 14. St. Botolph's Church - Farnborough to St. Michael's Church - Warmington

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Distance 2.3 miles

Maps: Landranger 151; Start SP 434 496

St. Botolph's Church has a number of stained glass windows including the three light east windows by William Wailes (1856).

Exit the churchyard of St. Botolph's Church through the main gates and walk down to the road. Go to the L and then take the right-hand fork down to the road junction. There is a fine view from here of Farnborough Hall, through the gates. Walk a short distance to the R and then go to the L on to the lane sign-posted to Avon Dassett. Continue on this lane as far as the turning for Warmington.

TL here and follow the single track lane up to a ST/PG on the R, at the far side of the bridge over the M40 motorway and part of The Macmillan Way. In the field, head diagonally to the L down to a metal FB in the bottom corner. Over the FB turn R to cross another to enter the next field and walk over to a ST at the side of a drive. Cross the drive and FB opposite and then aim slightly to the L over two small fields to a PG exit out on to Mollington Lane. Walk to the R on the lane to pass Rectory Farm and at the next road junction continue SA and up into the picturesque village of Warmington, with the large village green and duck pond. Continue through the village to pass both The Plough Inn and the Village Hall on the R and up Church Hill as far as the bend. Now climb the stone steps on the L and to enter the churchyard at the rear of St. Michael's Church. Your favourite spot in this churchyard;