

Lordsbridge Pilgrimage Walk



This leaflet records the walk of about 30 Km (19 miles) undertaken by John Harding in 2016 as part of the second Lordsbridge Pilgrimage Walk. There are twelve churches in the Lordsbridge Team, eleven of which are illustrated here. The twelfth is a small private chapel at Childerley Hall.

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1 Coton, St. Peter

St Peter's church dates from the 12th century. At first a small chapel it was added to over the centuries and was more or less completed by the early 1500s. At the centre of the village, it has been a focus of village life through the ensuing years. Andrew Downes, Professor of Greek at the University and one of the translators of the King James Bible is buried here and his memorial can be seen in the chancel. We continue to strive to be closely involved with the village with a service every Sunday and other events for the wider community; our latest venture is Messy Church held on the first Sunday of the month.



2 Barton, St. Peter

Barton was a flourishing village in Saxon times and is mentioned in the Domesday Book. In 1270 an anchoress, Alice was dwelling in the church. The present church dates from the 14th century as do the wall paintings. We have good links with the village Primary School and hold school assemblies in church on Wednesdays. Shared activities with the Baptist church include Generous Slice, a 'pop up cafe' open six times a year, a monthly Men's breakfast, Advent and Lent courses and two Songs of Praise services a year. We have a short ecumenical service on Mondays and Fridays. We hope you enjoy the peace, quiet and beauty of this ancient church and wish you God's blessing as you go on your way.



3 Haslingfield, All Saints

Our ancient church was consecrated in 1352. Many of the monuments relate to the patronage of Sir Thomas Wendy, a physician to Queen Elizabeth 1st. The church stands in the centre of the village, which keeps it in the conscience of all villagers. The primary school celebrate festivals in the church. We have a growing number of young families in Haslingfield and a committed group who are running our children's church. We currently have groups for three age groups which we call Baby Saints, Little Saints and Super Saints. In 2016 we took the plunge and sold our pews, opening up the space in the church for community events. The church remains open daily, a place of peace to welcome all visitors.



4 Harlton, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Harlton church is a magnificent 14th century building set in a small rural village. Important architectural features include an original stone screen and a fine 16th century alabaster monument; there are also some interesting ancient graffiti. The weekly congregation is about 20 with attendances on special occasions exceeding 60. Following the recent restoration of the pipe-organ a separate trust has been set up to support the teaching of young organ scholars who play at services and give a short recital each month after the morning service. Wedding couples from the parish and beyond and visitors are always welcome.



5 Little Eversden, St. Helen

This church was probably in existence by 1229 and dedicated to St Helen by 1341. It is mainly 14th century but was restored in 1891 and officially re-opened a year later by the Bishop of Ely. Interesting features are the north porch which dates back to the 15th century; the 13th century font with an octagonal bowl; the choir stalls reset from the chapel of Queens College Cambridge and the rood loft stair at the north side of the chancel arch. The ring of six bells dates from 1629 with two new ones cast in 2006. Bell practice is on a Monday evening. We are contacted by many groups wanting to ring our bells. Eversden is an Anglo-Saxon word, listed in the Domesday book as Eversdona meaning Boars Hill or Home of the Wild Boar.



6 Great Eversden, St. Mary

St Mary's church in Great Eversden is prominently situated at the entrance to the village, within a churchyard surrounded by horse chestnut trees. Originally constructed circa 1092 the church was struck by lightning in 1466 and rebuilt late 15th century. Interesting features include two late 15th century windows, medieval paintings of Christ's crucified torso surrounded by angels over the chancel arch, a late 15th century Piscina, two misericords featuring the arms of the Beauchamps, and an early 17th century pulpit. A restoration project to repair roof and structure, replace the ceiling, and install WC, kitchenette and heating is due for completion Summer 2017.



7 Caldecote, St. Michael and All Angels; Childerley Hall Chapel

We are a small church... with plenty of room to be yourself! At Caldecote Church we aim to be a church with an undo button: our sins have already been 'undone' on the cross, leaving us free to live full lives in God; by his grace we can give each other the same forgiveness and love that he offers us. Our regular services are held in St. Michael and All Angels, which dates to the 11th century, and we are also privileged to have Childerley Hall with its beautiful private chapel in our parish, where we have celebrated many seasonal services over the years. Search "Caldecote Church" online to learn more about us and our history.



8 Toft, St. Andrew

St. Andrew's is a medieval church partially rebuilt in 19th century, with an unusual East window. Now in a Local Ecumenical Partnership with Toft Methodists we worship together every Sunday in alternate churches. We are an active focus of Toft community life and the church is used for concerts and other events. Our ring of 6 bells welcomes bands from a wide area. We produce the Village newsletter, run monthly coffee mornings and Fireside gatherings. Our worship is varied, with Wednesday morning prayer attracting a good number. We have several 'special' Sundays each year - most important is part of Toft Spring Feast, for which we are a major organiser. Our Church and churchyard are well cared for.



9 Comberton, St. Mary

Welcome, you'll have noticed that St. Mary's stands on one of the highest spots in the parish. Our building dates from the 13th century, but Christian worship was evident before that. There's a blend of ancient and modern, our organ is the village war memorial. We share the building with a family of bats, this can be interesting! Prayer is very important, there are a variety of creative prayer spaces here, please feel free to pause a moment. Our desire is to provide a warm and welcoming building, where we can worship, pray and grow as we travel on our faith journey, as well as reaching out to our community and further afield.



10 Hardwick, St. Mary

The first mention of a religious building on the site was in 991AD. Parts of the building date from the 14th and early 15th Century. There are medieval wall paintings (1460-80) on the south wall, depicting the seven deadly sins, though now covered over (leaflet in church). The church community plays a part in Hardwick's celebrations of the year with seasonal services for Christmas, Easter, Harvest Thanksgiving and Remembrance. Details of each month's services are posted in the church porch and in Hardwick Happenings. For more up to the minute information, subscribe to our weekly church email or checkout our Facebook Group.



11 Dry Drayton, St. Peter and St. Paul

Dry Drayton Church is essentially of the 14th century, with a tall and impressive chancel, set slightly at an angle to the nave. Its moment in history was when the noted Puritan divine, Richard Greenham was vicar for twenty years at the end of Elizabeth I's reign, and gave up in despair at the intransigence of his parishioners. Its most interesting memorial is the sixteenth-century brass now let into the floor of the nave. This was done a few years ago when the dreary Victorian pews were removed to create a more flexible interior which can be used for church events, concerts and is available for village use.

