


South West Somerset

Ancient Countryside, the product of at least a thousand years of continuity – Oliver Rackham

| Church | Route and distance to next church | Points of interest |
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| <p data-bbox="92 353 523 387">Ashbrittle, St John the Baptist</p>  | <p data-bbox="671 392 1125 790">Leaving the church and facing the Green, turn left (heading West) out of the village. Descend past Chackeridge Farm to the bridge over the river Tone and Stawley Mill. Continue to T Junction. Turn left, signposted Bathealton 1¼; Kittisford 2. Just after Stawley village sign, keeping Court Place Farm on your left, go round left bend. 30 yards on the left is the lane to Stawley church.</p> <p data-bbox="671 824 810 857">1½ miles.</p> | <p data-bbox="1147 392 1501 521">Ashbrittle church yard has an ancient yew tree mentioned in the Domesday Book.</p> <p data-bbox="1147 555 1501 656">Toilets may be available in the Village Hall, as yet unconfirmed.</p> |
| <p data-bbox="92 927 582 960">Stawley, St Michael and All Angels</p>  | <p data-bbox="671 965 1106 1193">Go back to Court Place Farm. Take left turn signposted Bathealton; Kittisford. After 1 mile, turn left signposted Bathealton ½; Wiveliscombe ¾. Bathealton church will be ahead of you in half a mile.</p> <p data-bbox="671 1227 810 1261">1¾ miles.</p> | <p data-bbox="1147 965 1485 1126">Largely 13th century with furnishing from the 18th century – box pews, altar rails and a pulpit with a domed tester.</p> |
| <p data-bbox="92 1422 491 1456">Bathealton, St Bartholomew</p>  | <p data-bbox="671 1462 1125 1798">Leaving Bathealton by the same route as you entered, go back half a mile to the signpost. Turn left signposted Kittisford 1; Langford Budville ¾. After 0.3 miles, heading downhill you take an unmarked right turn which it is easy to miss! Continue past the village sign and Kittisford church is on your right.</p> <p data-bbox="671 1832 810 1865">1½ miles.</p> | <p data-bbox="1147 1429 1501 1485">Teas and Toilets available in village hall.</p> |

Kittisford, St Nicholas



Leaving Kittisford by the same route as you entered, return to the T Junction. Turn right signposted Langford Budville; Greenham. Go down the hill and take the bridge over the River Tone (note the Ford to your left). Continue straight on signposted Thorne St Margaret 1¼; Greenham. You will pass Cothay Manor Gardens. Take a left turn shortly after, signposted Thorne St Margaret ¾. Passing through a wood, you will reach a T junction. Turn left. Continue along this road, passing Thorne Manor on your left and the church of **Thorne St Margaret** is ahead of you on the left.

2½ miles

Church contains unusual internal pillars made of wood imitating more commonly found stone.

Thorne St Margaret; St Margaret of Antioch



Leave the village by the same way you entered, continuing straight on (ignore turning to Cothay) for ¾ mile. Turn right at a junction where the road you need is un-signposted (although the other roads are marked). Continue along this road keeping straight on at the next junction signposted Greenham ½; Ashbrittle 2 (ignore right hand turning to Cothay). Glimpses of Greenham Hall on the right are worth noting. At the T Junction by Greenham Barton turn right signposted Greenham. **Greenham** the church is soon on your left.

1.8 miles

The font dates from Saxon times and being more than 1000 years old, is one of the oldest in this area.

Church open 10-5 today.

Greenham, St Peter



Turn left out of the church, over the river Tone. Start your ascent passing the drive to Greenham Hall on your left and further on Appley Pavilion. In Appley itself you could turn right to the Globe Inn (for well earned refreshment!) although our route continues past this turning. You remain on this road all the way to Ashbrittle, passing through the hamlet of Tracebridge and your fourth crossing of the River Tone.

1.7 miles.

Total about 11 miles.

Miniature gothic revival chapel of ease.