



Wells and Surrounding Area



Start at the Bishop's Palace.

There is no set route but we would suggest visiting the churches in Wells first and then if you wish carrying on to the outlying villages. The Wells churches can easily be visited on foot but the others are probably best reached by bicycle. We cannot guarantee they will all be open.



Wells Cathedral

Entry is free to the cathedral but visitors will be invited to give a donation. Ride+Stride participants will be welcome and will not be invited to give a donation unless they want to.



St Thomas' Church, St Thomas Street.

Built 1856-7. A wonderful Teulon church. Both the font and pulpit to his design. Five apse windows by William Wailes.



St Joseph and St Teresa RC Church, Chamberlain Street.

Originally a convent chapel. Built 1877 by C F Hansom. Chancel and nun's choir by Hansom & Bond 1888.



Wells United Church (URC/Baptist) Union Street.

Built for the Baptist Church in 1827.

Note the former Congregational Chapel built in 1787 at the entrance to Union Street car park.



St Cuthbert's Church, St. Cuthbert Street.

The largest parish church in Somerset with the third highest tower. Note the reredoses in the transepts, damaged during the Reformation. The southern reredos was a tree of Jesse. Jesse is still recognisable propped up on one elbow.



Wells Methodist Church, Southover

Built in 1838 and enlarged in 1865. The early history of the site shows that in 1200 a building, assumed to be a chapel, was erected and dedicated to St Etheldreda and later to Thomas a' Becket. This building was demolished in 1547. Sometime after 1647 a meeting house for the use of Protestant Dissentors was built on the site with space for a Burying Place for the dissenters.



Wookey Hole, St Mary Magdalene

Approx. 1 mile to the west of Wells along Wookey Hole Road, off A39, Mountery Road.

By B & E.B.Ferrey. Built in 1873-4. Note the base of the unfinished south west tower serving as a porch.



Wookey, St Matthew

Approx 1.5 miles to the west of Wells on the B3139. Mostly perpendicular in style. Earlier work is of Chilcote stone, whereas the arcades are of Doulting.



Henton, Christ Church

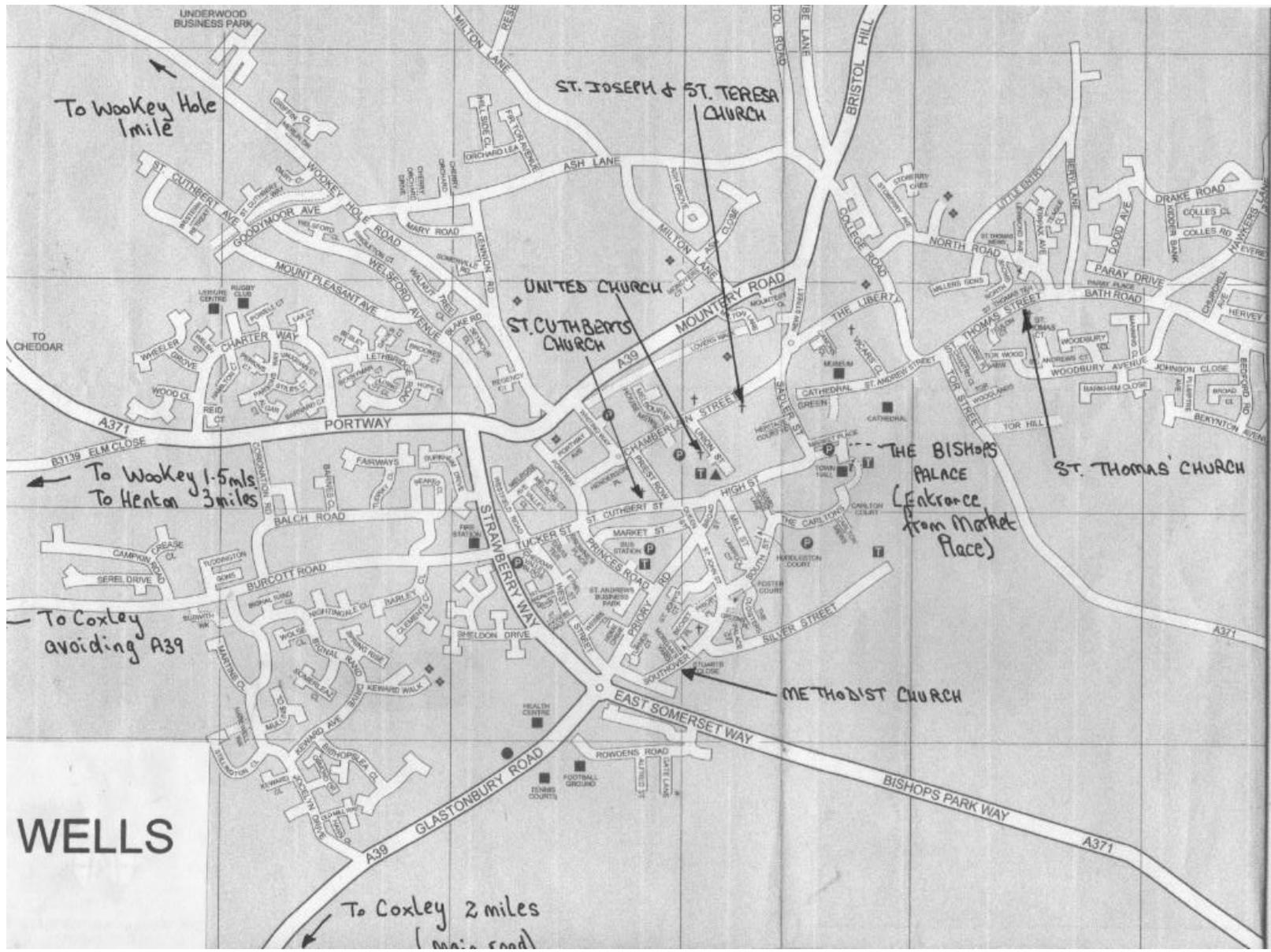
Approx. 3 miles to the west of Wells on the B3139.

Built in 1847 by Benjamin Ferrey. Note the tall hammerbeam nave roof.



Coxley, Christ Church

Approx. 2 miles south of Wells on the A39. To avoid cycling on the main road follow Tucker Street past Tesco and leave Wells via Burcott Road. Before reaching Burcott turn left at a junction with a tree in the middle of a grassy triangle. Follow this road until it joins the A39. Then turn right onto the A39 towards Glastonbury. Care needs to be taken along the A39 and it may be advisable to use the pavement
Note the newly rebuilt west porch including toilet facilities.



To Wookey Hole
1 mile

ST. JOSEPH & ST. TERESA
CHURCH

UNITED CHURCH
ST. CUTHBERTS
CHURCH

THE BISHOPS
PALACE
(Entrance
from Market
Place)

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH

METHODIST CHURCH

WELLS

To Wookey 1.5mils
To Henton 3miles

To Coxley
avoiding A39

To Coxley 2 miles
(main road)