



Walking with the Unnamed Women of the Bible
A Seven-Parish Pilgrimage across the Netherexe Mission Community
21st June 2026

Total Walking Time: approximately 10hours

There will be a Bible Reading and a short reflection at each church.

There will be refreshments available at all our stops with breakfast rolls at Cadbury, light lunch at Upton Pyne, a selection of cakes and puddings at Brampford Speke, and a barbecue at Netherexe.

Donations for the refreshments would be gratefully appreciated.

These are the approximate expected arrival times at the churches on the pilgrimage:

Start 7.30am	Gather at Cadbury	Breakfast Rolls	
9am:	Thorverton		Toilets
11.30am:	Newton St Cyres	short communion service	Toilets
1.30pm:	Upton Pyne	Lunch in village hall	Toilets
3pm:	Brampford Speke	Desserts	Toilets
4.30pm:	Stoke Canon		Toilets
5pm:	Huxham		
6.30pm:	Rewe		Toilets (?)
8pm	Netherexe	BBQ	

Walk 1: St Michael and All Angels, Cadbury to St Thomas of Canterbury, Thorverton

This is approximately 2 miles on minor road and will take about 1 hour.

This first walk follows the road from the church. Turning right out of the Lych gate and follow the principle road to Thorverton.

Walk 2: St Thomas of Canterbury, Thorverton to St Cyr and St Julitta, Newton St Cyres

This second walk is the longest at approximately 5 miles, and will take 2-3 hours, and will be mainly on quiet minor roads.

Turn right out of the church porch and head up the churchyard. At the gate head across the path and continue on this footpath to the road. Cross the road and head to your left where you will see some steps. Up the steps and along the path to Cleves Close. At the end of Cleves Close turn right and past the playing fields on your left. Continue on this road, past Exe Valley Christmas Trees, till the T-junction. At the T-junction turn left and follow this road until the first right hand turn at Nomansland. Follow this road to Shute Crossroads. Straight across at the crossroads. Follow this road until the signpost for Newton St Cyres. Turn left to Newton St Cyres. Follow this road until the Beer Engine. At the junction (with the Beer Engine directly opposite) turn left and follow the road until Court Orchard. At Court Orchard walk through the estate until you reach the main road and a Pelican Crossing. Crossing the road walk along West Town Road, past the village hall on your left, and take the first turn right up the hill to the church.

There will be a short communion service in the Arboretum

Walk 3: St Cyr and St Julitta, Newton St Cyres to The Church of Our Lady, Upton Pyne

Approximately 4 miles, mainly on designated footpaths and will take 1.5-2hrs

Leave Newton St Cyres church car park and bear right into Church Lane. Walk downhill to the end of the lane, turn left, and walk towards the A377 road to Crediton, passing the Parish Hall on your right-hand side [RHS]. Cross the A377 using the Pelican Crossing, look to your left and walk directly into the walled passage that leads into "Court Orchard" retirement bungalows. Bear left, walking diagonally across the estate until reaching the road for Sweetham and the "Beer Engine" pub. Turn right and walk past the new school [RHS] and on to the bridge over the river Creedy. At the bridge there is a footpath sign to your right, go down the steps and walk along the river Creedy for approximately 1 mile until you reach a gate with a bridge to your RHS. Turn left [2a] and follow the footpath, crossing the Exeter-Barnstaple train line [Tarka Line] continue along the path until you emerge on to the road in Langford village.

Turn left, walk down the road until you see Langford House [tall white imposing house] on your RHS and there is a public footpath sign at the side of Langford House into Bidwell Lane. Follow the lane, passing through the first five-bar gate, walk to the end of the lane and you will see a galvanised kissing gate to your RHS with a public footpath sign. Go through the gate and then walk straight ahead keeping the hedgerow on your left-hand side until you reach a gate on your left. Turn right and walk towards Glebelands farm again keeping the hedgerow on your left and you will see Our Lady's Church in the distance. As you draw level with Glebelands Farmhouse look for a small gate on your left [after you have passed the farm buildings] into a path that leads into Upton Pyne churchyard.

Walk 4: The Church of Our Lady, Upton Pyne to St Peter's, Brampford Speke

Approximately 1.8miles on designated footpath and will take about 45 minutes

Leave Upton Pyne churchyard by the main lychgate, turn left and walk downhill through the village until you see a public footpath sign on your RHS signed. Walk down this path, ignoring the first footpath sign to your left and carry straight on over a small railway sleeper bridge. Follow the path along the next couple of fields and you will see a wood in the distance. Keep walking down the edge of the field [hedgerow on your RHS] until you see a small gate and wooden bridge on your RHS. Go through this and continue to follow the path across a couple of uncultivated fields [there are some bridges and raised walkways you can use if it is wet] and follow the path through to Brampford Speke.

As you emerge on to the road at Brampford Speke, turn left and you will see St Peter's Church in the distance on your right. Walk along the road, and just before the Agricultural Inn, turn right into Church Drive for St Peter's Church.

Walk 5: St Peter's, Brampford Speke to St Mary Magdalene, Stoke Canon

Approximately 1 mile on designated footpath and will take about 30 minutes

Turn immediately right on leaving the church, and follow the footpath through the churchyard of St Peter's, heading towards the back of the church. You will see a small gate leading into a walled path shaded by trees. Follow this path until you emerge via a lychgate onto the road behind Brampford Speke school. Turn right and head steeply downhill [there will be a tall wall on your left-hand side (LHS)] until you reach the wooden bridge over the river Exe.

Cross the bridge, turn right and follow the path until you reach the old railway line [dismantled] and walk along this until you reach the level crossing in Stoke Canon [approximately 0.75 mile]. Cross the level crossing and bearing left walk towards the main A396 Exeter-Tiverton Road until you reach the post office, opposite the Stoke Canon Inn [refreshments available in post office & pub]. Turn left and then cross the A396 using the Pelican crossing and continue in the direction of Tiverton and St Mary Magdalene church will appear on your RHS.

Walk 6: St Mary Magdalene, Stoke Canon to St Mary the Virgin, Huxham

Less than a mile on minor road and will take about 20 minutes

Leave the churchyard via the lychgate, turn right and take the first right down the lane signed to Huxham & Poltimore. Walk down this lane for approximately 0.5 mile until you reach Barton Cross House and turn right at the sign for "Huxham Barns Industrial units". The churchyard wall will appear on RHS after 1-200 yards, follow this around to the right to arrive at St Mary the Virgin Church, Huxham.

Walk 7: St Mary the Virgin, Huxham to St Mary the Virgin, Rewe

Approximately 1.5 miles and will take about 45 minutes.

Leave Huxham Church and retrace your steps back to the road, bear right and at Huxham Cross [fingerpost], walk straight ahead following the road signed to Columbjohn. Walk for approximately 0.75 mile [passing Bussells farm complex on your left] and take the next left turn at Brookleigh. Pass all the houses and follow the public footpath signs, which will take you across a small paddock and then 3 fields. As you leave the last field you cross a small bridge over the river Culm and start climbing uphill emerging on to the A396 in Rewe village. St Mary the Virgin Church at Rewe will be on your left.

Walk 8: St Mary the Virgin, Rewe to St John the Baptist, Netherexe.

Approximately 2 miles on pavement and minor roads and will take an hour

Leave the churchyard by the main gate, cross the A396 and walk in the direction of Tiverton for approximately 0.5 mile until you reach the War Memorial and turn left into Green Lane.

Walk down Green Lane passing all the houses [all on your RHS] the last three houses being Bonchurch Cottage, Cotclose and Burrow Corner. Walk straight on at Burrow Corner into the unmade lane [do not turn left] and follow this for approximately 0.5 mile [passing some cattle sheds on your RHS] and take the next right turn on to the Exe Valley Way. After approximately 0.25 mile, Netherexe Church will appear in the fields on your left-hand side [LHS] but the entrance is another 0.25 mile down the lane. The entrance will appear on you LHS; an old, rusted gate [once painted white] set into a small stone wall. Cross the field diagonally to St John the Baptist Church.