

Walk the Netherexe Parishes Churches: Circular 1 Newton St Cyres, Upton Pyne & Bramford Speke

The Netherexe Parishes - A Mission Community in the Diocese of Exeter

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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 diagonally [to your right] across the field; 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.
- 4 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 Bramford Speke.
- 5 As you emerge on to the road at Bramford 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 [refreshments available], turn right into Church Drive for St Peter's Church.
- 6 Walk back down church drive and turn right when you reach the road. Pass the Agricultural Inn and continue to walk through the village until you reach the phone box at Sandy Lane. Walk up Sandy Lane [6a] and when you reach the top there is a five-bar gate. Go through this and follow the public footpath across the field walking diagonally to your right. Emerge on to the road by the boarding kennels.
- 7 Turn left, and after 25 yards there will be another footpath sign to your RHS. Take this path and you walk across the first field, through a belt of woodland [this has raised walkways for wet weather] across a second field and follow the lane back to the road.
- 8 Turn left on to the road and after a few yards another footpath will appear on your RHS. Cross the field and walk along the hedgerow until a kissing gate will appear in the hedgerow on your RHS. Cross the next field diagonally to your left and pass through another kissing gate that will appear in the hedgerow in the corner of the field.
- 9 Walk directly across the next field [ignore the footpath to your right] which will return you to Bidwell Lane. Retrace your steps to Newton St Cyres.