

Walk the Netherexe Parishes Churches: Circular 2 Stoke Canon, Huxham, Rewe & Netherexe

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

- 1 The church in Stoke Canon is easily accessible from the A396 road Exeter to Tiverton. From the church lychgate, walk towards Tiverton and turn 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 Leave the churchyard by the main gate, cross the A396 and walk in the direction of Tiverton for approximately 0.25 mile until you reach the War Memorial and turn left into Green Lane [marked 4a on map].
- 5 Walk down Green Lane passing all the houses and after Heathfield cottage you will reach a road junction by Bonchurch Cottage, turn right here.
- 6 After about 0.25 of a mile you will see a signpost pointing to your left to Netherexe. Walk down this lane for approximately 0.75 mile passing all houses and farm buildings until the road finishes and there is a track directly ahead and one to your left-hand side. On the left-hand corner of these two tracks you will see an old, rusted gate [once painted white] set into a small stone wall. Pass through this gate and St John the Baptist Church can be seen diagonally across the field.
- 7 On leaving the churchyard, retrace your steps back across the field to the entrance gate. Turn Right and continue along the drove [track] keeping Netherexe Church on your right.
- 8 Continue until you reach a “T” junction and then turn left, passing some cattle sheds on your left and continue to the end of this track until you reach Burrow Corner, a large red bungalow on your left-hand side.
- 9 Turn right at Burrow corner and follow this lane back to Stoke Canon [passing Burrow Cross] and continue until you reach the level crossing.
- 10 Cross the level crossing and walk towards the A396 Exeter-Tiverton Road, passing the post office on your left, which is opposite the Stoke Canon Inn [refreshments available in post office & pub]. Turn left at the post office to return to Stoke Canon church.

NB: The droves around Netherexe church can become flooded during very wet weather.