

Walk the Netherexe Parishes Churches: Part 2 Huxham to Cadbury

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

- 9 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.
- 10 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.
- 11 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.
- 12 On leaving the churchyard, retrace your steps back across the field to the entrance gate. Turn left and you will see a public footpath sign on your RHS "Exe Valley Way". Follow the way markers and stiles across the fields and along the river Exe, until you emerge onto Thorverton Road Bridge [over the river Exe]. NB: If there are cattle or crops in some of the fields, you may find the path has been diverted along the edge of the fields.
- 13 Turn left and walk along the road [passing cricket field, and further on Memorial Hall, on LHS] into the centre of Thorverton Village. Opposite the Thorverton Arms Pub is the "The Bury" and St Thomas of Canterbury Church can be found on your LHS.
- 14 Leave the churchyard and turn left walking out of the village until you come to a fork in the road [approx. 0.25 mile]. The right-hand fork is signed to "Fursdon House". Take the left-hand road signed to Cadbury and start climbing up to Cadbury Church, known locally as Milk Hill. This is a long, and in parts very steep hill, but do look backwards as you are walking [especially after passing a house called the "Glen" on your LHS] as there are wonderful views back down the lower Exe Valley. Continuing walking uphill, and as the road levels, pass Terley Farmhouse and then Cadbury House on your RHS.
- 15 If you wish to detour and walk up to Cadbury Castle [ancient hill fort], take the public footpath from the road corner where Cadbury House is located for fantastic panoramic views across mid-Devon to Exmoor, Dartmoor and the Blackdown Hills. If not, follow the road around to the left and St Michaels & All Angels at Cadbury will appear on your LHS after another 0.25 mile.