



Warwickshire & Coventry  
Historic Churches Trust



## The East Arden Local Ride

A suggested 30-mile tour of churches in the Warwickshire countryside to the north-west of Warwick, for those taking part in the annual sponsored cycle ride organised by the Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust.

The money you collect from your sponsors is divided equally between the church nominated by yourself and the County Trust, who are then able to make grants to needy churches. Where we can recover Gift Aid, we will retain the full amount of this, enabling us to increase our grant giving further. This is a national event.

This suggested 30-mile circular ride takes in the eight churches in **Warwick** and others in **Hampton-on-the-Hill, Norton Lindsey, Wolverton, Langley, Claverdon, Lawsonford, Lapworth, Packwood, Baddesley Clinton, Haseley and Hatton**. If you begin at St Mary's in Warwick, we suggest you first take in the Baptist and Unitarian chapels, and the Friends Meeting House in High Street, the chapel of St James, over the West Gate, the Catholic church of St Mary in West Street and then St Paul's in Friary Street.

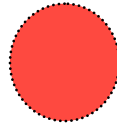
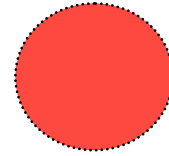
The recommended route, shown on the map below, avoids 'A' roads, except for a stretch out of Warwick on A4189 where first a cycleway and then a footway can be used. If you take in the church at Hatton, there is a footway along A4177 as an alternative to cycling on the road. Some sections (dotted on the map) are 'off-road' but generally on firm surfaces. But you may need to look carefully for the bridle way which crosses M40 just before Lapworth! For those wishing to shorten the route, the Pinley Green/Shrewley road provides a convenient link to Hatton.

As well as this map, you are strongly advised to bring with you copies of the relevant 1:50,000 OS maps (Landranger 139, 151), especially to help you navigate some of the tiny lanes. Pubs serving refreshments will be found at some of the villages along the route.

Safety is vitally important on the Ride. This year we have included a Risk Assessment on the website, and we would ask you to read carefully this document and the text of the blue Sponsorship form before you set out and to follow the advice given. This is of particular importance if you are travelling in a group or have younger children in your party. Whilst the suggested route follows minor roads where possible, we have marked main road crossings on the attached map and particular care should be taken there.

The majority of the churches on this route are usually open for the Ride & Stride event. However, a list of open churches will be available on our website [www.warwickshirechurches.org.uk](http://www.warwickshirechurches.org.uk), where you will also find the necessary Sponsorship Forms and other information about the Ride.

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Main roads & crossings (heavier traffic)

**Warwick, St Mary:** One of Warwickshire's most important churches. Its nave and aisles were rebuilt after Warwick's great fire of 1696 but it has an early Norman crypt, a beautiful 15th-century chancel and the world-famous Beauchamp Chapel

**Warwick, High Street, Baptist Church:** Built in 1866, replacing an earlier building dating from the 1830s  
**Warwick, High Street, Unitarian Chapel :** Built in 1781, and enlarged in 1863

**Warwick, High Street, Friends Meeting House :** The Quakers have been meeting here since 1695

**Warwick, Westgate, Chapel of St James:** Dating from the fifteenth century, this chapel, perched over the West Gate, now forms part of the Lord Leycester Hospital

**Warwick, West Street, St Mary the Immaculate:**  
A Catholic church built in 1859/60 to the designs of E.W. Pugin

**Warwick, Friars Street, St Paul:** Built in 1824 and added to in 1848-50.

**Hampton on the Hill, St Charles Borromeo:**  
A Catholic church dating from 1819 and remodelled in 1830. It was paid for by Lord Dormer of nearby Grove Park.

**Norton Lindsey, Holy Trinity:** Tiny 13thc church with nice pulpit of 1682

**Wolverton, St Mary:** Another small church dating back to the 13th century. You can get to it on a bridle-way without going into the village

**Langley, St Mary:** A small modern chapel built to serve this settlement in Claverdon but now attached to the parish of Wolverton

**Claverdon, St Michael:** Thoroughly restored in the 19th-century but with a fine monument to Thomas Spencer who died in 1630.

**Lowsonford, St Luke :** A modern chapel of ease within Rowington parish

**Lapworth:** A fascinating church dating back to Norman times, with a walk-through 15th-century west porch and room over, and a detached 14th-century tower

**Packwood, St Giles:** Plenty of monuments to the Fetherston family of Packwood and note also the 14th-century wall painting over the chancel arch

**Baddesley Clinton, St Michael:** Fine tower paid for by Nicholas Brome, who died in 1517. The chancel was rebuilt in 1634 (see the plaque) and there is a fine monument to Edward Ferrers, died 1564

**Haseley, St Mary:** An attractive little church with a cottage-like window in the chancel lighting Clement Throckmorton's chest tomb of 1573

**Hatton, Holy Trinity:** This church still has its 15th-century tower but was otherwise rebuilt in 1880.  
**Warwick, Northgate, Methodist Chapel:** Built in 1893.