

Praying around the Parish Boundary – Monday 25th May

As part of the Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative we are setting aside Bank Holiday Monday 25th May as a day when we can pray for the Parish by walking all or part of the Parish Boundary. The complete walk is a fairly long 14 mile walk, so we are not expecting people to walk the whole boundary (though that's fine if you wish – Kate and I hope to do it).

The boundary is divided into 9 sections (see below) and we are suggesting that, if you are able, you walk one of the sections and pray for the homes, shops, parks, schools and businesses you pass. If you feel you are able to take part, please let me know which section(s) you hope to walk. If you feel you cannot do this that is fine – perhaps you can take some time that day to pray for your own street.

Please remember to abide by all social distancing guidelines as you walk!!

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Parish Boundary sections

Section 1 – Streetsbrook Road to Stratford Road

Start – at the Prospect Lane/Streetsbrook Road island

Walk along Streetsbrook Road and past Robin Hood Cemetery.

After the Cemetery (opposite Redstone Farm Road) turn left down the Bridle Path to Stratford Road.

Section 2 – Stratford Road to Colebrook Road

(this section is very windy. The actual parish boundary follows the course of a small stream which winds between and behind houses)

Start at the Stratford Road / Sandy Hill Road Junction

Turn right into Skelcher Road, then left into Blythesford Road

Turn right into Newborough Road, then left at the Baldwyns Pub, walk past the shops then turn left into Acheson Road

Turn left into Delrene Road then right into Dunard Road, then right into Geoffrey Road

Turn left into Westwood Road, then at the end left into Stroud Road

Turn left into Acheson Road and then onto Colebrook Road

Section 3 – Colebrook Road to the Prince of Wales Pub

Start at the junction of Colebrook Road and Acheson Road

Walk along Colebrook Road, under the railway line and then along High Street until you reach the Prince of Wales Pub

Section 4 – Prince of Wales Pub to St John's (long section – possibly muddy)

Just past the Prince of Wales, turn left onto a footpath leading to an open field

Keep to the recognisable path, keeping a hedge on the left

At the bottom of the field, with cottages ahead, turn back across the field towards the main path which you left when you entered the field (Berry Mound is on the left)

Pass under the HT wires and join the North Worcestershire Footpath

Follow the way markers until the path meets The Fordrough and proceed to Truemans Heath Lane.

Cross over the road and walk along a private road to a stile opposite Truemans Heath Farm

Climb the stile and follow the footpath to Houndsfield Lane

Turn left, cross the River Cole at the Ford and continue to the junction with Tilehouse Lane at St John's Church

Section 5 - St John's loop (long section)

From St John's walk along Tilehouse Lane towards Tidbury Green

At the cross roads, turn right into Lowbrook Lane, then left into Norton Lane at the end.

Walk along Norton Lane until you reach the junction with Rumbush Lane. Turn left

Turn left into Cleobury Lane, then at the Junction with Dickens Heath Road

turn right then immediate left into Birchy Leasowes Lane

Turn right at Tilehouse Lane and return to St John's

Section 6 – St John's to Tythe Barn Lane canal bridge

From St John's walk along Tilehouse Lane towards Whitlocks End Station
Continue past the station into Haslucks Green Road (at a sharp right hand bend) until you reach the canal bridge
Take the canal tow path towards the right
At the second bridge exit leave the towpath. This is Tythe Barn Lane

Section 7 – Tythe Barn Lane canal bridge to Stratford Road

From the canal head along Tythe Barn Lane away from Dickens Heath
Turn left into Dickens Heath Road, then left at the island into Tanworth Lane
Keep right at the next two junctions (Tanworth Lane and Blackford Road go off to the left)
Continue along Dog Kennel Lane until you reach Stratford Road

Section 8 – Stratford Road to Blossomfield Road

From the Dog Kennel Lane roundabout walk along Stratford Road for a few yards towards Shirley. Turn right down a footpath (Costa Coffee on your right)
After a hundred yards or so at the T junction of paths turn right
Walk along this path until you see Radway Road on your left.
Turn left to walk up Radway Road
At the junction with Highfield Road, keep straight onto a path that leads to Brick Kiln Lane
Walk along Brick Kiln Lane; turn right into Widney lane then left into Whitefileds Road
Turn left into Dingle Lane and walk along here till you reach the Blossomfield Road junction

Section 9 – Blossomfield Road to Streetsbrook Road

From the traffic junction of Blossomfield Road and Danford Lane walk along Danford Lane
Continue past the Sharmans Cross pub into Prospect Lane
Continue along Prospect Lane until you reach the roundabout junction with Streetsbrook Rd

The area marked "B" on the map is Shirley parish. The boundary can be clearly seen and we keep as close as we can to it!

