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Unsurprisingly this walks take you on a tour of four local Parish Churches in Waltham, Brigsley, Ashby-cum-Fenby and Barnoldby-le-Beck. The first of the four churches is All Saints in Waltham a 13th Century medieval church, thoroughly restored during the Victorian era. In Elizabethan England one of the Church rectors, Richard Baynes, was heavily implicated in the murder of playwright Christopher Marlowe.

The walk is accessible by public transport, the No9/9A bus services that run from Cleethorpes and Grimsby provide a 15 minute frequency during the day (Monday-Saturday) and a half hourly service on Sundays. Waltham is a thriving village with an active Parish Council and a good range of local services including places to eat, drink and relax in after your walk.

Brigsley Parish Church is dedicated to St Helen believed to be a 4th Century Welsh saint. The earliest parts of the church date back to the 11th Century with later additions. Substantial changes were made to the structure during the 18th, 19th and 20th Centuries although the building retains its square Norman tower.

St Peter’s Church in Ashby dates from a similar period to St Helen’s in Brigsley, the church was classified as a Grade 2 listed building in 1967 in acknowledgement of its striking architecture and early English tower, aisle and belfry.

The Parish Church in Barnoldby-le-Beck shares the same name as that in Brigsley, being dedicated to St Helen. The church has been significantly restored and renovated over the ages, small parts of the original Norman structure still remain as does examples of Medieval glass in the church windows. The church is now recognised as a Grade 1 listed building.

Walking is a great activity for just about anyone irrespective of their age or level of fitness, as well as getting you from A to B, regularly getting out and about is an ideal way of becoming more active helping to reduce the risk of chronic illnesses such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, asthma and stroke. A good walk also improves the strength and flexibility of your joints, boosts your immune system and improves your mood. It’s also a great way of discovering your local area and the countryside on your doorstep and improving your mental well-being. If you’re new to walking then build up slowly, try short trips to the shops or walks to see friends and gradually build up to longer walks. To get the most benefits, your walk needs to be at a brisk pace, that pace will be different for everyone but as a guide you should be walking fast enough to raise your heart rate and be slightly out of breath.

At the end of your walk make sure you stop at least once to relax.

If you like this walk and want to tell us about it or have an idea for a new route then please contact us by emailing prow@nelincs.gov.uk

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4 Churches

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• Make sure that you’ve got appropriate footwear for your walk
• Check the weather before leaving your house and dress accordingly
• Check that the walk is suitable for you and your party. If in any doubt then contact the PRoW team for more details
• Let a friend or relative know where you are planning to walk especially if you are off out exploring by yourself
• Make sure that you’ve got your mobile phone and that it’s got plenty of battery left

Before setting off

When out walking remember to follow the Countryside Code

• Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
• Leave gates and property as you find them and stay on the line of the paths
• Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
• Keep dogs under effective control
• Plan ahead and be prepared
• Follow advice and local signs

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Steady

Accessible by Public Transport

Walkers may encounter livestock

Refreshments available

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7½ miles (12km)
**Out walking in the Wolds**

**Four Churches**

7½ miles (12km)

1. Leaving All Saints Church on High Street Waltham turn into Kirkgate and follow this to the junction with Cheapside.
2. At Cheapside turn left and follow this for approx. 300m.
3. Turn right at the signpost indicating a footpath alongside no. 58 Cheapside.
4. Pass through two gates and continue along the field edge turning right at the waymarker indicating the footpath through the Windmill site.
5. Continue through the site, taking care across the car park and along the entrance road and then turn left onto Brigsley Road.
6. Continue along Brigsley Road for approx. 500m then follow the direction of the signpost indicating a footpath along the rear of houses on Brigsley Road.
7. The path emerges onto Waltham Road. Turn left here along Waltham Road.
8. At the bend in the road at the junction with Green Lane/Church Lane continue straight ahead along Church Lane.
9. At the junction with Waithe Lane turn right and follow this for approx. 80m to a signpost on your left side.

The instructions given in this guide take you in a clockwise direction around the route.

**Starting at All Saints Church, Waltham**

1. Turn left at the signpost indicating the footpath through the metal gate and along an enclosed tarmac path.
2. Cross the bridge and immediately turn left. DO NOT PASS THROUGH THE KISSING GATE.
3. Follow the waymarkers across arable land to another bridge.
4. Cross the bridge and continue straight ahead along a grassy track to a gate.
5. Pass through the gate and continue straight ahead along a stoney track.
6. At the elevated metal tank at the bend in the track, follow the direction of the waymarker straight ahead along a grassy track to a gate.
7. Continue to the end of the grass track to a bridge on your right side. Cross the bridge and continue across an arable field back towards Ashby. On re-joining the field edge turn left along the grass track towards the road.
8. Turn right at the road and follow this through the village to the sharp bend in the road.
9. Turn right at the sharp bend in the road along the access road to St. Peters Church.
10. Leave the Church and head back to the road and turn right. Continue to a signpost on your right side.
11. Turn right at the signpost indicating the footpath along the edge of a cattle field. NB if you do not want to walk amongst the cattle continue along Ashby Lane turning right at the T junction taking care along the busy road.
12. After approx. 200m look out for a waymarker indicating the footpath across the field. Follow the direction of the waymarker across the field to a gate at the roadside.
13. Pass through the kissing gate and turn right taking care along the verge to the Ice Cream Shop.
14. Turn left at the Ice Cream Shop following the direction of the footpath signpost through a stable yard. Pass through several gates along an enclosed path and along the edge of woodland.
15. On emerging from the woodland continue straight ahead along the field edge.
16. Follow the direction of the waymarkers turning right then left along the field edge and on into woodland.
17. On emerging from the woodland follow the direction of the signpost along the fence line. Continue through two kissing gates to emerge onto Main Road Barnoldby.
18. At Main Road take care crossing the road and turn down Church Lane to St Helens Church.
19. Turn left out of the Church yard along Church Lane and follow the road bending to the right along Chapel Lane.
20. Turn left down Old Main Road and follow this to the junction with Main Road.
21. Turn left at Main Road and follow the footway alongside the road back to Waltham.
22. Take care as you cross the road at the mini roundabout continuing straight ahead along Barnoldby Road. Cross another mini roundabout and continue on to the junction with High Street.
23. Turn left along High Street and back to the start.