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A Guide to Shropshire's Churches



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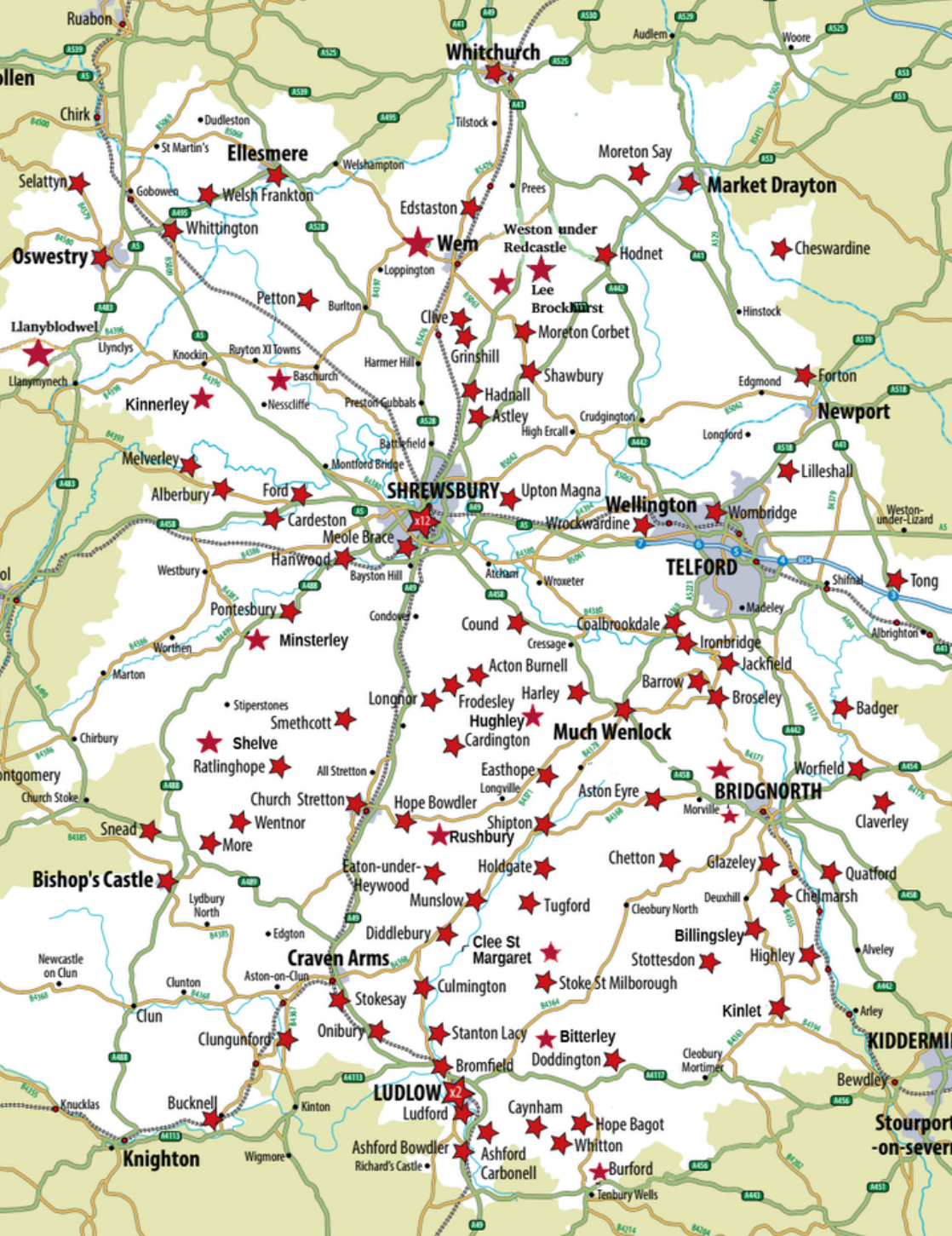


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Cover picture, the Lazarus window, St Oswald's Church, Oswestry. Pic by Graham Mitchell



Why visit churches?

If you want to experience the glory of England, then you should visit its parish churches. There you will find a wealth of history, architecture, art and spirituality. Throughout history they have been an integral part of the lives of every community in Shropshire. The church is often prominent in the landscape, the centre of the village or town, a community hub and focal centre.

The church can be the repository of treasures and stories of the past, a place of beauty and peace. There are Saxon fonts, intricate carving, marble tombs and glorious stained glass. In Shropshire we have a huge variety of churches, from tiny, ancient chapels to the large and bustling Cathedral and Abbey. Some are the extraordinary work of individuals, and some by great architects. Some are popular tourist venues, and others hidden away but always well worth the search.

Lives and deaths, histories and stories

The stories of local families are preserved in the buildings themselves and in the memorials they left. These memorials may be to sons and daughters lost in wars or to illness, or to those in old age, having lived lives of quiet kindness, or to children who were greatly loved and lamented. Stories include the children sent away on the Mayflower in 1621, a ferocious blizzard which wiped out an entire family, and a medieval cross associated with Lady Godiva.

Churchyards

Churchyards are increasingly becoming havens of conservation and wildlife. At the right time of year there are lovely snowdrop walks and daffodils beneath the trees. Graves include that of a 'sin-eater', a 'native of Africa' and the fictitious Ebenezer Scrooge!

Finally

Perhaps best of all, if you stand or sit quietly for a few minutes you may sense the peace and stillness of these ancient places. You may sense something that speaks to your heart, and you will leave richer in spirit. We hope that you will find this booklet useful, and we wish you great joy in your exploration of Shropshire's hidden glories.

Every effort has been made to ensure that the information in this guide is correct at the time of printing. There is more about all our churches, and much besides, on our website:- www.discovershropshirechurches.co.uk

Key to entries: P=parking, WC=toilet, =disabled access



Acton Burnell St Mary

SY5 7PE P  **Open daylight hours**

One of the finest examples of a 13th century church, including medieval tiles, a table tomb with brasses, plus the Lee family marble monument. With the churchyard containing its heritage collection of daffodils, it is a special place with a wealth of history, architecture, horticulture and spirituality.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10388

Alberbury St Michael and All Angels


SY5 9AH P WC including 

Open daily, summer 9am-5pm, winter 9am-4pm

"A place of surpassing interest" (R.W. Eyton, the great 19th century historian). The saddleback tower is impressive, c 1200. The roof of the nave is said to be 15th century, reputed to be a spectacular example of this period. The large south chapel dates from 1325-30 and is known as the Loton Chapel, associated with the Leighton family at nearby Loton Park. Stained glass in the west window was designed by Barbara Leighton, influenced by Burne Jones. The churchyard cross, originally a shrine, has recently been refurbished, funded by Historic England.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10392

Ashford Bowdler St Andrew

SY8 4DJ P  **Open 10am-4pm (minimum)**

St Andrew's dates from 1211. Later restorations include the south porch, the oak shingled spire and box pews. Two Norman round arched blocked doorways may have allowed pilgrims and travellers to pass through, seeking a blessing from the priest. The chancel was rebuilt in 1907 after collapsing into the River Teme which runs very close. There are interesting wall monuments.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10399



Ashford Carbonel St Mary Magdalene

SY8 4BX P limited  **WC Open 10am-4.30pm**

A church has stood on this elevated site for 900 years, since Norman times. The ancient churchyard yews are even older, indicating that the site may have been used for worship in Saxon times. The chancel has an arrangement of splayed windows which includes a rare 'Vesica' window.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10400

Astley St Mary the Virgin

SY4 4BP P at Village Hall  **Open daylight hours**

St Mary's lies at the heart of the village. The blocked doorway with its dog-toothed hood-mould is typically Norman in design, with an adjacent row of indentations on the south wall which, tradition says, were made by men sharpening their weapons. The tower was added in 1837. The rood screen, altar and reredos were designed in the late 1930s by Sir Charles Nicholson: the recently refurbished east window is by David Evans. In 2012 the medieval bell, c 1270, was refurbished, and a Victorian bell installed for the clock chime.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4293



Aston Eyre no known dedication

WV16 6XD P Open daylight hours

Aston Eyre Church is situated at the north end of the beautiful Corve Dale. This small and friendly church is well worth a visit to see the tympanum, a stone carving over the south door, regarded as the best example of Norman carving in Shropshire. It depicts Christ's entry into Jerusalem. The church is a simple two-cell Norman structure with a bell-cote rather than a tower.

<https://www.bridgnorthteamministry.org.uk>



Badger St Giles

WV6 7JR Open daily from 10am-4pm

Attractive 19th century sandstone building with some remnants of the earlier medieval church. Wonderful setting beside a pool in a picturesque village. Late perpendicular screen, four monuments of merit, some early Flemish stained glass and a more recent memorial window to Dr Margaret Dix by Jane Gray. Visitors are warmly welcomed to services.

www.badgershropshire.org.uk



Barrow St Giles

TF12 5BW P limited Open 9am-5pm

St Giles Barrow (Grade 1 listed) is one of Shropshire's oldest churches. The chancel and its arch are Saxon, as is a splayed window. The tower was added in about 1100. The south wall is Saxon, with an early Norman window and a late Norman priest's door cut into it. A simple, ancient, secluded and fascinating church. 'Its survival for over a thousand years seems little short of miraculous' (John Leonard).

www.broseleyparishes.org.uk/churches/st-giles-barrow






Billingsley St Mary

WV16 6PH P  WC Open daylight hours

Billingsley Church retains many original features, including Norman doorways and an 'Easter Sepulchre' of c 1300. Bread and wine, consecrated during Holy Week would be placed here under a shroud on Good Friday and then unveiled on Easter Morning. This tranquil church also has a medieval wooden porch and glazed floor tiles of c 1500. In the churchyard are two large and very ancient yews.

www.stmarys-billingsley.org.uk

Bishops Castle St John the Baptist

SY9 5FD P and WC including  at Church Barn Open daylight hours

Spacious church rebuilt 1860s. 13th century tower remains. Fine stained glass including two Pre-Raphaelite windows. 12th century font, monuments. Six bells with a keen team of ringers. The church hosts concerts, community events and exhibitions, December craft fair, Midsummer Rejoicing weekend. Churchyard contains the 1801 grave of 'a native of Africa', and graves connected with Napoleonic prisoners of war

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10417/

Bitterley St Mary

SY8 3HL P  Open daily

St Mary's is attractively situated next to Bitterley Court, half a mile from the village on the western slopes of Titterstone Clee. The distinctive shingled spire and timber belfry of 1881 house three medieval bells in the stone west tower which dates from c 1200. Of special interest in the church are the carved stone Norman font, the massive medieval chest and the intricately carved rood screen recreated in 1924. In the churchyard is a fine well preserved 14th century cross.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10421/



Bridgnorth St Mary Magdalene

WV16 4NR P in street  WC Open 10am-3pm daily

The church was built on the site of the original church in 1792 and was designed by Thomas Telford in a plain, elegant, classical style. The church is unusual, being orientated north-south. St Mary's has a long tradition of musical and choral excellence, and the church is host to many musical events and concerts throughout the year.

www.bridgnorthteamministry.org.uk/churches/bridgnorth-st-mary-magdalene

Bromfield St Mary the Virgin

SY8 2JP P  **ramp available**

Open daylight hours

A former priory church with a rich history, and Grade 1 listed building. St Mary's past stretches back to Norman times. A pretty sandstone construct with a peal of six bells, the church has a striking painted ceiling and an exotic reredos triptych. Well worth a visit, with a good restaurant nearby for the weary traveller.

[facebook.com/Bromfieldbenefice/](https://www.facebook.com/Bromfieldbenefice/)

Broseley All Saints

TF12 5DA P  **with assistance Open 8am-5pm**

'The finest early Victorian church in Shropshire' (John Leonard). Designed by H Eginton, built by William Exley in 1845, All Saints replaced two previous churches. Light and imposing, it has connections with the local industry, as seen in the mining exhibit at the gate. The reredos at the high altar is thought to be by Bodley. The west window was designed by Charles Kempe, at present hidden by the pipe organ.

www.broseleyparishes.org.uk

Bucknell St Mary

SY7 0AA P  **Open daylight hours**

Our church, stone built and picturesquely situated in the centre of the village, probably dates from the mid 1100s, and has an unusual Saxon tub font, as well as a medieval Easter sepulchre. Its fully modernised heating system guarantees a warm welcome in all seasons. Group visits welcome, refreshments and toilet access by arrangement.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10447/ or
<https://bedstoneandbucknell.org/bucknell/stmaryschurchbucknell/>

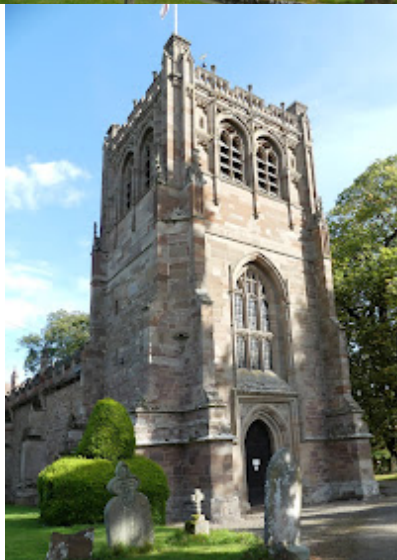
Burford St Mary

WR15 8HG P  **WC in churchyard**

Open daylight hours

A 14th century Grade 1 listed church with unique features including extraordinary monuments to the Cornwall Family, dating from the 12th to the 19th centuries. They include the effigy of a daughter of John of Gaunt and an unusual 'heart tomb'. The church is set within a beautiful churchyard. Homemade preserves and gifts for sale. A warm welcome awaits you at our weekly services

<http://www.tenburyteam.co.uk/>





Cardeston St Michael

SY5 9NJ  ramp available

Details of keyholders available

Set in its attractive hamlet location, and easily recognised by its distinctive octagonal tower. Traces of the 12th century and 1749 churches survive the rebuild of 1844. Norman windows and a wooden upper gallery. It also has a barrel organ and a notable early 20th century fresco depicting Jesus and John the Baptist.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10457/



Cardington St James

SY6 7JZ  ramp available P

Open daylight hours

St. James' sits in an elevated position in the centre of Cardington on what is believed to be an ancient henge monument, that provides an impressive setting nestled among the surrounding hills, its tall crenelated tower visible from all approaches. The circular churchyard has five wooden gates, significant in St James' pastoral role, including the wedding gate by the war memorial.

A detailed history may be found at

www.cardingtonparishshropshire.co.uk



Caynham St Mary


SY8 3BW P WC  Open daylight hours

A Grade II* listed 12th century church, with Victorian restoration work incorporating Norman remains. It has a preaching cross and war memorial lychgate. There are Curtis family memorials and a Kempe window. A footpath leads from the car park to Caynham Camp (listed iron age fort). Caynham is a short drive from Ludlow.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10460/ and

<https://www.caynhamvillage.org.uk/st-marys-church>

Chelmarsh St Peter

WV16 6PZ P WC  Open daily, approx 10.30 - 4.30, details of keyholders available

A beautiful Grade 1 listed church with Norman origins and fourteenth century fabric. The church has wood carving from the late-middle ages to the 20th century, with particularly notable work on the porch and lychgate by a late 19th century wooding carving school run by the then vicar, the Rev. R.T. Seddon.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10462

and

<http://chelmarsh.wixsite.com/stpeters>



Cheswardine *St Swithun*

TF9 2RS Parking in village **WC** Open daylight hours

St Swithuns was designed by John Loughborough Pearson, financed by the Donaldson-Hudson family of Cheswardine, and was re-consecrated in 1889, replacing two former structures. There are windows by Clayton & Bell and Kempe and a number of interesting wall plaque memorials. St Katherine's chapel has a 15th century roof from the former Cheswardine castle. Our peal of six bells is regularly rung. Guide book and history available in church for £3 and online.

www.theunitedbenefice.com/cheswardine



Chetton *St Giles*

WV16 6UF **P**  **WC** at Down Inn nearby
Open daylight hours

The south doorway and chancel date from the 13th century, the arch resting on 15th century figure-head corbels. A medieval cross within the churchyard is associated with Lady Godiva who is believed to have had a Saxon manor at Chetton. The tower, built in 1829, houses 6 bells.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10463

Church Stretton *St Laurence*

SY6 6DQ **P** in town  **Open 9am-5pm**

Largely 13th century cruciform church with central tower, exterior carvings including St Laurence holding a gridiron on which he suffered martyrdom, and a rare sheila-na-gig, probably of Saxon date. The interior was reordered in 2010 with plastered walls, tiled floor and new furniture. Interesting stained glass, carved heads on chancel arch pillars. Striking modern banners.

www.strettonparish.org.uk/st-laurences

Claverley *All Saints*

WV5 7DS  **WC** Open daylight hours

Grade 1 listed, features in Jenkins '1000 Best Churches'. Late 11th and early 12th century with Saxon remains. Stunning early 13th century wall paintings. Saxon and Norman fonts, Jacobean pulpit and hammerbeam roof in chancel. Arts and Crafts choir stalls, lectern and communion rail. Extensive stained glass including work by A J Davies, Hardman, and Preedy.

<https://www.claverley-tuckhill.co.uk/>

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10468





Cleve St Margaret *St Margaret*

SY7 9DT Limited parking  help available, see list on notice board. Open daylight hours

A welcoming, cherished church, St Margaret's stands in an attractive village high on the slopes of Brown Cleve Hill. The chancel arch is tiny and has Jacobean half doors and a hagioscope either side. There is herringbone masonry in the East wall, a plain font and a priest's door, all probably early Norman, a south door said to be of 600-700 AD and ancient 'sittings'.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10469/



Clive All Saints


SY4 3JN

The surrounding area of Clive is dominated by the spire of All Saints' Church which, whilst dating back to the 12th century, was fully restored in 1887. The spire was added in 1894. The church is of outstanding architectural quality, both inside and out, with a refurbished peal of 6 bells, the heaviest in the county - these are regularly rung. It is also blessed with an original Henry Willis organ which has recently been fully restored.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4294



Clungunford St Cuthbert

SY7 0PN P WC  Open daylight hours

An early 14th century church with Victorian additions in a tranquil setting near the river Clun, it contains a Binns organ of exceptional quality, a fine oak carving of St Cuthbert above the porch, and an early preaching cross.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10478

Coalbrookdale Holy Trinity

TF8 7FS P limited WC

See the website below for opening times.

The 'Jewel of the Dale' was endowed in 1851 by Abraham Darby IV. Superbly decorated chancel ceiling. Fine stained glass windows including rare 16th century Flemish depiction of the Last Supper. Historic stone carvings, individually carved wooden pew ends with iron gates; Harrison & Harrison 3 Manual pipe organ. Monument to Captain Webb, the first man to swim the English Channel.

www.coalironlitt.co.uk



Cound St Peter

SY5 6EW Open Daylight hours

Dating from 13th century, in peaceful countryside near a lovely snowdrop walk. Wonderful 13th century oak door, six-bell tower built 1500, significant remains of a doom painting. Stained glass ranges from medieval to 19th century Kempe to modern millennium. Splendid wall memorials from 17th century onwards.

www.wenlockchurches.co.uk/cound



Culmington All Saints

SY8 2DB  Access with assistance

Open daylight hours

The church is entered at the base of the early 14th century tower with an unfinished spire and unique 20th century aluminium finial. Herringbone masonry in the nave walls indicates a late Saxon/early Norman date. A medieval rood screen and stairs survive. There is a fine piscina and a tomb recess in the chancel.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10494/



Diddlebury St Peter

SY7 9DH  ramps available Open 9am to dusk

The present church dates from 1010. Extensive Anglo-Saxon remains, especially the north wall with unusual combination of herringbone masonry on interior and squared masonry outside. Massive west tower contains a large blocked opening, which may be the remains of an open porch. Grotesque carvings on the tower. A recently discovered treasure is the two-sided Royal Arms of William III (1701). The rear shows a highly treasonable and probably unique badge of James Edward Stuart, the Old Pretender.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10498



Doddington St John

DY14 0HL P at cattle grid nearby. Accessible path & WC. Self-serve hot drinks & cold refreshments in accessible Heritage Gateway area. Open 9am-5pm.

The church with a view, and friendly welcome, at 1000ft on Titterstone Clee, St John's looks out from the Shropshire Hills National Landscape over Worcestershire, Herefordshire and Wales. A recent arts and heritage project turned the church into a gateway to exploring this nationally important landscape and heritage while retaining its role as the local church. Unusual cast-iron windows, and Minton tiles add to the charm of this simple building, built in the 1840s for the families of quarrymen, miners and farmers working this tough landscape.

www.stjohnsdoddington.org

Facebook & Instagram: @stjohnsdoddington





Easthope St Peter

TF13 6DN  **with care. The church is always open.**

This ancient building, with 12th century origins, is remarkable for its encaustic tiles, beautifully proportioned chancel window, carved oak screen, and fine carving on the oak pews, dated 1623. Projecting from the pulpit is a wrought iron hourglass-holder used to restrict “the extraordinary length of services” in 1333. St Peter’s has a rare carillon bell-ringing mechanism, more in common with European tradition than that of English churches.

www.muchwenlockchurch.co.uk/easthope.htm



Eaton under Heywood St Edith

SY6 7DH **P** **Open daylight hours**

what3words lawn.depth.silk

Hidden below Wenlock Edge this Grade 1 listed gem needs to be seen. A sloping aisle, a carved green man, a 14th century wooden effigy, bells of the 17th century and a unique chain-hung font make for fascinating exploration. Idyllic setting. Hot drinks available and a compost toilet nearby.

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10515/>



Edstaston St Mary the Virgin

SY4 5RF **P** **limited Open daily. Door may be stiff.**

The Norman chapel of Saint Mary the Virgin Edstaston dates back to c 1150 and is one of the most complete Romanesque buildings in Shropshire. It has no fewer than three Norman doorways with carved arches, and fine Norman ironwork on the doors themselves. The building has rare medieval wall paintings, now revealed after being covered up by Puritan reformers. There is a Binns organ. The churchyard is award winning.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4545/



Ellesmere St Mary


SY12 0HB  **WC** **P** **in town car parks**

Open daily during daylight hours

St Mary’s has a superb setting, on a hill above the Mere. The oldest parts of the building are the lower parts of the tower and the South Chancel Chapel (St Ann’s) which are 14th and 15th century. There was a restoration by Sir George Gilbert Scott in 1849, and there are some fine 19th century stained glass windows. There are also some interesting monuments.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4273/

Ford St Michael


SY5 9LZ P  **WC Open Wednesdays 10am-4pm**
Any other times by request to Churchwardens.
See website below.

St Michael's Church Ford is situated in a tranquil conservation area just west of Shrewsbury. The building dates back to the early 12th century and boasts many interesting features. The restoration in 1875 added some fine glass, in particular the east window depicting the Crucifixion. There is a splendid hammerbeam roof, possibly 15th century, The 'Humphrey Kynaston Way', Bridleway Route 5 passes the church.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10527/



Forton All Saints

TF10 8BY P  **with prior notice (phone 01952 820080) Open daylight hours**

The church stands on an elevated site in Forton village. The original church was built in 1199, though the Saxon font in the tower indicates an earlier date. The round head slit window on the chancel north wall confirms a 12th century foundation. Rebuilt in 1723. The most prominent monument is the tomb of Thomas Skrymsher, Knight of Aqualate, and his wife Anne.

www.fortonchurch.org.uk



Frodesley St Mark

SY5 7HD A small step into the church but plans for a ramp. Parking limited Open every day

Frodesley is a hamlet on the edge of the South Shropshire Hills with an active community including many young families. Dating from 1809 on much earlier foundations, the church of St Mark is one of the smallest in Shropshire. The church has a library/book exchange and attracts a number of walkers and cyclists.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10530/



Glazeley St Bartholomew

WV16 6AB P  **ramp**

Open daylight hours, April-September

A delightful Grade II listed church, designed by Sir Arthur Blomfield and built in 1875. There is a fine stained east window by Kempe, also in the nave a beautiful stained window in memory of Lt. Crook who died in WW1. On the sanctuary floor a fine brass to Thomas Wylde (died 1599) and family. 12th century font outside the porch door.

www.stmarys-billingsley.org.uk/glazeley-church





Grinshill All Saints

SY4 3BN *Open daylight hours*

The present church nestles under Grinshill's woodland escarpment, and was built in 1839 to the design of Shrewsbury architect John Carline, using the foundations of an earlier chapel (c1140). Local red sandstone was used, which provides a warm feel. The interior, which is light and airy, was remodelled in 1880 with attractive local arts and crafts features.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4295



Hadnall St Mary Magdalene

SY4 4AG  *Ramped entrance WC*

Daylight opening

The church is situated at the heart of its community. It has a Norman nave believed to date from 1140-1150, with the tower and the chancel being sympathetic Victorian additions. The church contains a monument to Lord Rowland Hill who served at Waterloo. He is buried in a sealed crypt beneath the tower, together, it is thought, with his sisters.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4292/



Hanwood St Thomas

SY5 8LJ *P in street*  *WC Open daylight hours*

St Thomas's is a red brick church built on ancient foundations. There is a Norman font and a record of a priest dating back to 1277AD. The building was reconstructed in 1703, altered in 1856, and has an octagonal apse with a beautiful 'Holy, Holy, Holy' painting. There is also a fine pipe organ, memorials to local families on the walls and a war grave in the churchyard. We are a friendly welcoming community with an emphasis on biblical teaching and Holy Spirit led ministry.

www.stthomashanwood.org.uk

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10535>



Harley St Mary

SY5 6LP 

Open February-November daylight hours

St Mary's is the dominant feature of Shropshire's only 'Thankful Village'. (All 20 of the men who went to serve in WW1 returned safely). The village looks across to Wenlock Edge with views down Apedale. The church is of Norman origin, largely rebuilt in the 1850s; a significant programme of refurbishment has been completed including the renovation of two noteworthy hatchments of the Harnage family.

www.harleyvillage.co.uk/history-of-st-marys-church

Highley St Mary

WV16 6NA  **Open 9.30 to 3.30**

This is a historic church dating from the 12th century, with indications of alteration and decoration from most periods since. Several Norman and Early English features remain. It has a fine Tudor wooden ceiling with bosses. It is set amidst a large churchyard. Recent restoration work will allow the church to meet today's needs and protect it for the future.

www.stmaryshighley.co.uk

Hodnet St Luke

TF9 3NL *P in village*  WC

Key always available from village Post Office

Built in 1083, Grade 1 listed. Well known for its octagonal tower, unique in Shropshire, and its Bishop Heber and Hill family connections. St Luke's retains much evidence of its Norman origins. The church figures in the Domesday book. The stained glass in the principal east window is worthy of note as is the lepers' step on the south wall.

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4323/>

and www.hodnet.org.uk and click on 'churches'

Holdgate Holy Trinity

TF13 6LW *Limited parking*

A recently restored Grade 1 Norman church with a notable Norman south doorway, in a stunning rural location, veritably, in Housman's "Land of Lost Content". Outstanding features are the carved south doorway and the beautiful font. A place of great tranquillity, it is situated on the Shropshire Way footpath, and is a great stopping place.

www.facebook.com/The-Corvedale-Parishes

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10560/

Hope Bagot St John the Baptist

SY8 3AF *P Church Open*

An attractive little Norman church situated in secluded Hope Bagot. The smallest independent parish in Shropshire. Finest features are the Norman chancel arch and Carolean pulpit. A huge yew tree believed to be over 1600 years old spreads over the holy well.

www.tenburyteam.co.uk

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10562/





Hope Bowdler St Andrew

SY6 7DD P at Hope Bowdler Village Hall

Open daylight hours

Nestling in the heart of the Shropshire Hills, St Andrew's presents a 12th century church and churchyard where many a weary hill walker may enjoy rest for the body and spiritual renewal for the journey. A restoration of 1863 incorporating materials from an ancient foundation, the church has some fine windows, and a very unusual coffin stone in the lych gate.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10563



Hughley St John the Baptist

SY5 6NT P  limited Open 9.30- 5 every day

St John's is a 14th century church at the foot of Wenlock Edge. Its half timbered bell turret dates from 1701. There is much to see: 'the finest rood screen in Shropshire', a Jacobean pulpit, a 'jigsaw' window with fragments of 14th century glass, and medieval floor tiles. The spire is celebrated in Housman's 'A Shropshire Lad', but the church has never had one!

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10571



Ironbridge St Luke

TF8 7PW WC P in town car parks, not near the church. Refreshments usually available

Open 10-4

A 19th century church overlooking the Iron Bridge, situated on a steep hill accessible by 109 steps from The Square, or up the narrow road. St Luke's has many unique features, particularly in regard to the position of the tower, iron window frames and Jackfield Maws tiles. Steeped in the history of the Gorge, it has much to offer the visitor.

www.coalironlitt.co.uk/our-churches



Jackfield St Mary the Virgin

TF8 7ND P Open 9am-5pm

St Mary the Virgin, Jackfield, erected in 1863 was designed by Sir Arthur Blomfield and constructed of varied local brick. The floors contain excellent examples of local tiles (more can be seen in Jackfield Tile Museum nearby). The sanctuary windows are claimed to be of the school of the Pre-Raphaelites. Near the Ironbridge Gorge Museum and the River Severn.

www.broseleyparishes.org.uk includes guide book

Kinlet St John the Baptist


DY12 3AY **Parking on track leading to church. Ramp available** **Open daylight hours**

This imposing yet beautiful church is situated in the middle of the grounds of Kinlet Hall. The building dates from the early 13th century although there are several details from the early Norman period. There is a medieval chantry chapel including an alabaster figure of the Trinity which escaped the Reformation, as well as one of the finest Elizabethan tombs in England, of Sir George Blount, together with two other exquisitely carved tombs in the style of the early Renaissance.

www.kinlet-parish.org.uk/john-the-baptist-church-kinlet



Kinnerley St Mary

SY10 8DE  **P opposite on village green or 100 yds away at Parish Hall** **Open 9-dusk**

Built of the local red sandstone, St Mary's is a lively church standing on a rise in the centre of a pleasant village. The lower two thirds of the tower date back to around 1400. There are grooves in the wall where arrows were sharpened. The nave was rebuilt in the 1770s, and the architect was Thomas Farnolls Pritchard, who designed the Iron Bridge. The chancel has an apse, or rounded wall at the east end. On this east wall is a painted reredos, a panel showing the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments. There is a medieval font outside the church. There is a 5-church trail around the area.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4338

and Benefice website: <https://www.kmkmm.org/>

Lee Brockhurst St Peter

SY4 5QH **P Keyholders at gate and in porch**

The name Lee Brockhurst suggests a wooded area inhabited by badgers. St Peter's is in a pleasant village on the river Roden. The nave is 12th century and the chancel dates from 1884. The two ancient bells have recently been refurbished and rehung. The smaller bell is from the 15th Century and may have been cast on site. The larger bell is from the 18th Century and bears the inscription "Come Away Make No Delay".

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4602



Lilleshall St Michael and All Angels

TF9 9HE **P**  **WC**

Open every day approx. 9 to 5 (dusk in winter)

There has been a Christian presence on the site since 670; present building dates from 13th century. The font is believed to be from the 1100s. Victorian stained glass windows. Charles 1 coat of arms, and an interesting sundial. A Fair Trade church with services to suit all.

www.stmichaelslilleshall.org.uk





Llanyblodwel St Michael

SY10 8NQ P  **with assistance WC Open daylight hours**

One of the earliest holy sites in Britain, believed to be 1700 years old. Current church built by the Normans on the Welsh side of Offa's Dyke around 1160AD but shape and character owe much to the work of Rev'd John Parker in the 1840s. Noted for domical tower which encompasses the belfry. The many visitors to the church are attracted to the interior - the wooden screen, square panelled ceiling, and above all the ornate passages of scripture on the walls. Visitors find it a place of peace and tranquillity.

<https://borderparishes.org.uk/index.php/llanyblodwel-v1/>



Longnor St Mary

SY5 7PX Open every day

St Mary's was built in c 1275, probably by the same team of master craftsmen who built nearby Acton Burnell Church. Grade 1 listed, it is considered to be a perfect example of Early English architecture. The church has been lovingly conserved and the stone fabric bears only superficial alteration since the builders left it. Wooden features added later include early 18th century box pews, made by the great-grandfather of Samuel Lee, who trained as a carpenter but later became one of the leading academics in the country. His story and more about the history of the church can be found on

www.longnorvillagehistory.co.uk also
www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10623



Ludford St Giles


SY8 1PJ P limited  **Open 10am - 4pm**

A small peaceful medieval church on a picturesque ancient site. Late Norman nave, 14th century chancel, 16th century family chapel with memorials to the Foxe and Charlton families. Job Charlton, a distinguished 17th century judge, rebuilt the almshouses on the left of the path up to the church.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10625



Ludlow St Laurence

SY8 1AN P in town car park  **WC Open 10-5**

Ludlow's number one visitor attraction. So much to see, including outstanding medieval stained glass, 28 15th century misericords, Prince Arthur and A. E. Housman memorials and the St Laurence banner by Sir Ninian Comper. Best views of Ludlow from the tower. Best coffee in Ludlow in Icon Coffee. Gift shop. Our famous bells play tunes at 8am, 12 noon, 4pm and 8pm daily.

www.stlaurences.org.uk

Ludlow St Peter

SY8 1QZ P WC ♿ **disabled WC by arrangement**
Open 8am-12noon

Striking RC church by G. Rinvolucri, 1935, in simplified Byzantine Romanesque with shallow dome rising 100ft over the crossing. Remarkable for early use of reinforced concrete faced with Farlow limestone. Treasures include the early 16th century Catherine of Aragon chasuble, on loan and display at Ludlow Museum <http://cornmill.freeshell.org/stpetersludlow>



Market Drayton St Mary

TF9 1AD P car park 150 yards away ♿ **good level access WC**
dementia friendly church
Open 11-1: Wed (market day) and Saturday

Wonderful position with commanding views over the Tern valley. St Mary's is a living church and people of many centuries have looked to us as the heart of the community. Each century has left its mark on the building, just as those who worship here today are leaving their own distinctive mark as they draw grace and guidance to live a Christian life in the early 21st century. Building has Norman doorway c 1150 and Early English gothic tower c 1325, Kempe stained glass and eight bells, the oldest cast in 1700.

www.stmarysmarketdrayton.org.uk

Melverley St Peter

SY10 8PJ P Open all day every day

In a peaceful setting on the banks of the river Vyrnwy, our church is a rare example of early British churches constructed of timber wattle and daub. Rebuilt in 1406, it replaced a wooden church burnt down by Owain Glyndwr. Features: a Saxon font, Jacobean pulpit, lectern with chained bible of the 1700s, a gallery and Charles Kempe window. Each year the church welcomes many visitors from all over the world.

Benefice website: www.kmkmm.org/melverley



Minsterley Holy Trinity

SY5 0AA ♿ **P in village Open 9-4 daily**

Holy Trinity is unique, the first Shropshire church to be built in brick, in 1692, one of only a few to be built after the Great Fire of London. The architect was William Taylor, whose imagination had free rein, especially on the ornate west front. Built by the Thynne family of Longleat who had acquired nearby Minsterley Hall. 'The first Shropshire church to be built on Classical lines, an essay in rural baroque' (John Leonard). Above the west gallery is a display of seven Maidens' Garlands, lovingly made in memory of young betrothed girls who died before their wedding day.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10650





More St Peter

SY9 5HH P  **Open daylight hours**

The raised circular churchyard indicates a pre-Christian origin. The tower, 12th century, with its 17th century double pyramid belfry contains three bells dated 1612, 1617 & 1624. The choir and nave are Early English, sympathetically restored in 1845 - hammerbeam roof, Jacobean box pews and a very ancient church chest. To the north is the More family chapel. The More family of Linley Hall, renowned for its Mayflower and USA connection, and Robert More's (1703-1780) great friendship with Linnaeus, the world famous botanist.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10656



Moreton Corbet St Bartholomew

SY4 4DW P  **Open daylight hours**

In a lovely situation next to the ruins of a Norman and Elizabethan castle, 12th century church with decorated window tracery and fine monuments to the Corbet family. Mid-Georgian work to the top of the tower by Thomas Farnolls Pritchard, and good 18th century wall monuments in the south aisle. Extraordinary chancel decoration by Sir Ninian Comper, 1905. Website includes guide books.

<https://shropshirechurches.uk/>



Moreton Say St Margaret of Antioch

TF9 3RS P WC **Open by arrangement on 07971 267541**

The church dates back to the 12th century. The chancel has a beautiful stained glass window of exquisite workmanship. It also contains a number of interesting monuments, in particular to Lord Clive (Clive of India) who was baptised here, and now lies buried within the walls of the church. A raised gallery is also of interest.

<https://amicabenefice.wordpress.com/>



Morville St Gregory the Great

WV16 5NB P  **Open 10-4**

'St Gregory's is a spacious and dignified Norman church now set in parkland next to Morville Hall.' (John Leonard). Consecrated in 1118, its treasures include a carved Norman tub font, an elaborately decorated 800-year-old door, a chest of great antiquity and another chest which is Elizabethan. Glass includes a 'jigsaw' window - a medieval Crucifixion destroyed by Cromwell's troops and painstakingly rebuilt.

<https://www.morvillechurch.co.uk/>

Much Wenlock Holy Trinity

TF13 6HR P in town car parks ♿ Disabled Access to the North of the tower in Wilmore St.

Open daylight hours

A fine 12th century church built by the Cluniac Monks of Wenlock Priory. Holy Trinity contains interesting Norman, Jacobean, Victorian and contemporary features and offers a warm welcome to many visitors. Memorial to William Penny Brookes, credited with inventing the modern Olympic Games.

www.muchwenlockchurch.co.uk



Munslow St Michael

SY7 9ET P on street Open daylight hours

Attractive Grade 1 listed church in a peaceful setting in Munslow Conservation Area, St Michael's has its origins in 12th century. The south porch is a magnificent timber framed structure dating from the 14th century. Fine stained glass from 15th-16th century described by the curator of the stained glass museum in Ely as 'the treasure of Munslow church;' it is worth a visit for the glass alone.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10665/

Onibury St Michael and All Angels

SY7 9AW P ♿ .Open daylight hours

12th century Norman church on site of earlier church (Domesday Book 1086 records a priest at Onibury). Battlemented tower, fine chancel arch, significant fragment of medieval wall painting, lancet windows. Perpendicular pulpit with Jacobean additions, the oldest in Shropshire. 17th century cast iron grave slabs in chancel. West gallery. Sympathetic restoration 1902 by Detmar Blow with delightful Arts and Crafts fittings

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10678



Oswestry St Oswald King and Martyr

SY11 2SY P in the town ♿ Open 10-3 Monday to Saturday

Large, warm and welcoming town centre church, St Oswald's dates from the 11th century. Dedicated to St Oswald, King and Martyr who was killed in battle nearby in 642 AD. Much rebuilt after damage in the Battle of Oswestry in the Civil War and restored by G E Street in 1874. Interesting features include the Yale memorial with its two kneeling figures dating from the 1600s, and an unusual 17th century painted triptych. Visitors enjoy the quiet beauty of its atmosphere.

www.stoswaldsoswestry.org.uk



Petton St Raphael & St Isidore

SY4 5TE Parking nearby on private land Dementia and Family Friendly. Open daily

Panoramic views and peace outside, a host of surprises inside. Petton church is on a motte & bailey site in a field. The present brick building dates to 1727. Inside are box pews, a gallery and ornate ironwork. Many features have been recycled from elsewhere. The very fine windows are by the Victorian firm Ward & Hughes.

<https://meresandmeadows.com/ss-raphael-isidore-petton/>



Pontesbury St George


SY5 0PS P on street  ramps available, WC Open daylight hours

Large village centre church, late 13th century chancel, remainder built 1829. Impressive tower with six bells, 5 medieval cast by Thomas Roberts of Shrewsbury, the sixth bell was added in 1869. Wide five bay nave, Norman font, Jacobean panelling and striking reredos. morning. Coffee is served weekly on Fridays from 10 am to 12 noon in the West End Room. Visitors are warmly welcomed.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10689/



Quatford St Mary Magdalene

WV15 6QJ  via lift (church person needs to attend) WC

Open Thurs-Sun 10.00-4.00 early April to mid October or Tel (01746) 766126, 766146, or 07773 608 556

First consecrated in 1086, legend has it that the church was built on a promise of love, Lady Adeliza arriving from France to meet her betrothed the Earl of Shrewsbury, whose hunting grounds surrounded Quatford. Built from tufa and sandstone, there are east and west Norman arches, 14th century windows, a 13th century piscina, a leper's squint, medieval tiles in the sanctuary, and small pieces of medieval "lozenge" wall painting. The font is also Norman with 14th century carving.

www.bridgnorthteamministry.org.uk



Ratlinghope St Margaret

SY5 0SR P  Open daylight hours

Small attractive welcoming church in peaceful valley between Long Mynd and Ratlinghope Hill in South Shropshire Hills National Landscape. Established in 1209 by Wigmore Abbey. Rather special Arts and Crafts windows. 'Sin-eater's' grave in churchyard. Footpath to nearby Bridges pub. Shropshire Hills 'shuttle bus' stops outside our church.

<http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10698>

Rushbury St Peter

SY6 7EB P limited  **Open daylight hours**

12th century building with Anglo-Saxon masonry, the church is situated in a tranquil conservation area within a National Landscape, nestling at the foot of Wenlock Edge. Inside, the white walls reflect the light and a warm welcome is extended to visitors to church and services. The three lancet windows at the east end are especially fine, as are the hammerbeam roofs. There is a plain font, probably Norman.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10702/


Selattyn St Mary

SY10 7DH P  **WC Open April-October daytime, Closed November-March. Keyholder on noticeboard**

St Mary's was first recorded in 1291 but worship may have taken place here for over 1000 years. The font dates from the 13th century, the barrel roof over the chancel from the 14th and nave timbers from the 15th. Transepts were added in 1821-28, and the north aisle and red sandstone arches in 1891-2. There are two Kempe windows. The church was restored in 1996.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/19800/

Shawbury St Mary the Virgin

SY4 4NH P by village hall opposite  **WC Open 9am-4pm**

This Norman church dates back to 1182 and still has Norman features including two Norman doorways, arcades with carved cylindrical columns, and font. The elegant tower is 'one of the finest in Shropshire' (John Leonard). A carved reredos behind the altar (1881) along with other carvings are of special interest. Recent additions include a stained glass window, bellringing platform, kitchen and toilet.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/shawburychurch/>



Shelve All Saints

SY5 0JF P  **Open**

This church is one of the very highest in the county, within a National Landscape, high in the Shropshire hills with views of the Stiperstones. There was a medieval church here but the present church dates from 1839. It is stone built with a narrow west tower. Several articles survive from the previous church including the interesting font with nine sides, possibly Norman. Some of the 17th century panelling from the previous building was used in the current pulpit and reading desk. There is a very good stained glass window showing Christ and His disciples at Emmaus.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10707/





Shipton St James

TF13 6JZ P Open daylight hours

St James has 10th century origins. The Norman tower with medieval chancel was rebuilt in 1589. We are a friendly congregation and welcome visitors to our church or to join us at our services. Come and see the snowdrops in February or find out about our local children who were sent away on the Mayflower in 1621.

www.wenlockchurches.co.uk/shipton.html

Shrewsbury Abbey

SY2 6BS P  Open 10-3.30 daily

Free admission

Founded as a Benedictine Monastery by Roger de Montgomery in 1083 on a Saxon church site and dedicated to Saints Peter and Paul, the Abbey is near Shrewsbury centre. Attracting medieval pilgrims to the shrine of St Winefride and hosting English Parliaments in 1283 and 1398 the Abbey was surrendered to the Crown in 1540 at the Dissolution of the Monasteries. Amidst much destruction, the nave remained as the Parish Church, later surviving Cromwellian bombardment. A 19th century east end extension by J L Pearson completed the structure as seen today. A memorial to Wilfred Owen stands in the grounds. .

www.shrewsburyabbey.com



Shrewsbury All Saints with St Michael

Castlefields SY1 2JH P on street  ramp WC

Details of keyholders on notice board

Founded by Reverend Thomas Mainwaring Bulkeley Bulkeley-Owen, consecrated 1879. Built for the Oxford Movement (the Anglo Catholic faith which supported Shrewsbury industrial workers), the architecture reflects this, and the tradition continues today. Notable John Nicholson organ, many beautiful stained glass windows (Whitefriars, Charles Kempe, and one from the workshop of William Morris). Fine banner and huge rood cross dedicated to the unknown fallen of WW1

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4489/>



Shrewsbury Cathedral

SY1 1TE P in town car parks  Orchard Cafe with WC

Open Easter-end of October: Mon-Fri 1-4pm, Sat 10am-4pm

November-Easter: Sat 10am-3pm

Shrewsbury Cathedral is dedicated to Our Lady Help of Christians and Saint Peter of Alcantara. It is the Mother Church of the Diocese of Shrewsbury and the seat of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Shrewsbury. The Cathedral was designed by Edward Pugin, opened in 1856, and contains seven beautiful stained glass windows by the world renowned Margaret Rope.

www.shrewsburycathedral.org



Shrewsbury Orthodox Church

Dove Close, Shrewsbury SY2 6FB. Parking SY2 6QP

Viewing by arrangement: email

info@shrewsburyorthodox.com

The Orthodox Church of the 318 Holy Fathers is said to be the only working church in England known to stand on a Bronze Age (2000 BC) ritual site. The church is 13th century with later features including 14th century wall paintings. Many modern icons and a plain, ancient font which may have come from the Roman settlement at Wroxeter.

Sunday services are at St Julian's. q.v.

Check website for services and opening times:

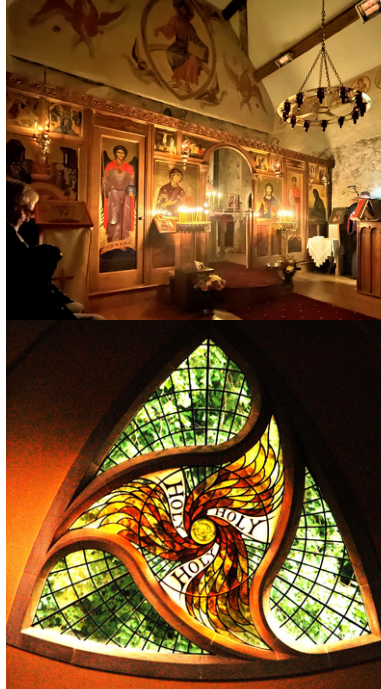
<https://www.shrewsburyorthodox.com>

Shrewsbury Meole Brace Holy Trinity


SY3 9HF P  WC Open 9am-3pm Mon-Fri

A stunning Victorian church with exceptional William Morris stained glass within well-kept grounds, located in a conservation area. Alongside thriving congregations, our Trinity Centre extension, opened in 2008, has won awards for its striking and sympathetic architecture. There are also strong associations with author Mary Webb.

www.trinitychurches.org



Shrewsbury St Alkmund

SY1 1UH  P and WC by prior arrangement Open 10am-4pm

St Alkmund's has stood at the heart of Shrewsbury for over 1100 years, having been founded in 912 by Aethelfleda, daughter of King Alfred. Tower and spire date from 1475. Nave and chancel built in Gothic Revival style in 1795 containing three magnificent Coalbrookdale iron-framed windows and a painted glass east window by Francis Eginton after a painting by Guido Reni (1642) now in Munich. Extensive internal reordering took place around the end of the 19th Century. Building and windows restored over the last 20 years with generous assistance from English Heritage. History of the past 200 years on display inside.

<https://stalkmundschurchshrewsbury.org>

Shrewsbury St Chad

SY1 1JX P limited  WC Open weekdays 8am-4pm

Check the website below for updates.

'The finest 18th century church in Shropshire' overlooking the Severn and the Quarry park. Designed by George Steuart in 1790-92. The beautiful circular nave has slender cast iron columns, a gallery and concentric box pews. The lovely East window and four others are by local glass artist David Evans. A vibrant and welcoming place of worship with a fine organ, where visitors enjoy the beautiful Georgian architecture, rich musical programme, including free Friday lunch-time concerts, or simply time for peaceful reflection. "Grave" of Ebenezer Scrooge in the churchyard!

www.stchadschurchshrewsbury.com





Shrewsbury St George of Cappadocia

SY3 8QA P nearby car park  WC

Open: March-December Wed 10am-4pm, Fri 2-4pm

January-February 10am-12 noon, Wed 2-4pm

Built in 1832 by local architect E. Haycock. A cruciform late Georgian church with richly glowing stained glass by David Evans, a local glass artist. Close to Darwin's birthplace.

www.stgeorgesshrewsbury.church



Shrewsbury St Giles with Sutton

SY2 6JP P on road  WC Open Tue 2- 4pm April to

September, or by arrangement contact 01743 355667

Built 11th century as the chapel to the adjacent Leper Hospital featured in the Ellis Peters Cadfael stories. Extended in Victorian times, it houses a rare unaltered Grade II Gray and Davidson organ, and beautiful stained glass windows, four of which are by Kempe. On the S17 bus route from Shrewsbury Town Centre and very near to two good inns.

www.stgilesshrewsbury.org.uk



Shrewsbury St Julian

SY1 1UH Open Sunday 9am to 1pm, Saturday 12.30-3pm.

For other times email: info@shrewsburyorthodox.com

St Julian's is one of Shrewsbury's four Saxon foundations, with the lower half of the red sandstone tower dating from the late 12th century. The present 18th century nave was designed by Thomas Farnolls Pritchard who designed the Iron Bridge near Telford. Wilfred Owen worshipped here. The Orthodox Church started worshipping here in April 2023, and have a regular schedule of services.

Check website for services and opening times:

<https://www.shrewsburyorthodox.com>

Shrewsbury Unitarian Church

SY1 1LR P in town car parks  WC

Please check website for opening hours or Tel. 07487 531913

Shrewsbury's first dissenting church opened in 1691. The church has been remodelled and rebuilt several times, the interior is typical of a dissenting meeting house. Charles Darwin attended the church with his mother, and in 1798 Samuel Taylor Coleridge preached a 'trial' sermon in the church.

www.shrewsburyunitarians.org.uk



Shrewsbury United Reformed Church

SY3 7BJ P close by ♿ WC

Office opening hours Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri - mornings only

Shrewsbury United Reformed Church was formed in 1975 from the former Congregational and Presbyterian churches. We worship in an imposing Victorian building dating from 1862, but the church is not the building, it's the people. We live our faith through shared worship and through our care of creation and our inclusive welcome. shrewsburyunitedreformedchurch.com



Smethcott St Michael and All Angels

SY6 6NX P ♿ Open daylight hours

This simple church with its peaceful atmosphere impresses visitors with splendid views, east across the Shropshire Plain, west to the Long Mynd. The church was built in the 12th century opposite the motte and bailey. It was fully restored in 1850 by a local man, William Hill, who had little formal education, the altar rails and internal roof being testament to his craftsmanship. The font is a hollowed out rock and is of unknown age.

<https://picklescott.org.uk>

Snead St Mary the Virgin

SY15 6EB P limited. 'Welcome to Wales' Layby on A489 at Snead can also be used. Open every day

Snead Church is on the Shropshire/Powys border and alongside the River Camlad, its foundations dating back to the 11th century. Snead is the smallest parish in Montgomeryshire. Access to the church is by a hedged footpath. Much of the east and south sides of the church are medieval and the belfry contains two bells, one of which is 17th century. The 13th century font was originally a quern - a vessel for corn and liquids - spot the pouring lip on the edge. Look out too for the unusual very weathered ancient face sculptures on the exterior of the north window.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10715/



Stanton Lacy St Peter

SY8 2LE P WC ♿ Open daylight hours

Originally a large cruciform Saxon church. Retained features include walls of the nave and north transept, a doorway and pilasters. Remodelled 14th and 15th centuries. Font from mid 14th century. Original peal of 6 bells hung 17th century. Victorian reredos with panels painted in 1930 by Harpin. Original 1854 organ, now on Historic Organs list. Victorian stained glass includes local characters. External canopied tombs and extensive churchyard, origins in the 6th to 9th centuries. Large collection of churchyard trees. On walking and cycling routes in the Corvedale.

www.stpeters-stantonlacy.co.uk/





Stokesay St John the Baptist

SY7 9AH P in English Heritage car park ♿ WC
Open daylight hours April to September. In line with Stokesay Castle October to March

Originally built about 1150 to be a chapel to Stokesay Castle and featured in Simon Jenkins' 'England's Thousand Best Churches'. Much of the church was destroyed in the Civil War and later rebuilt in 1654. The wood furnishings, notably the box pews and gallery survive, as do the biblical texts on the walls.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10729/



Stoke St Milbrough St Milburga

SY8 2EJ P ♿ WC Open

Dating back to the 12th century but undoubtedly with Saxon origins, St Milburga's was one of nine churches connected to Wenlock Abbey. With its bright and spacious sanctuary, handsome ceiling and rare waterleaf decoration, it stands on a beautiful site in the Cleve Hills. St Milburga's has a peal of 8 beautiful, newly cast bells. The Tower Captain is always pleased to show the bells to visitors, and new ringers are welcomed.

www.stmilburga.co.uk/



Stottesdon St Mary

DY14 8UE P on road ♿ ramp available
Open 9am-4pm

A centre of worship and prayer for almost 1000 years and still in regular use, St Mary's is Grade 1 listed. The Saxon tympanum, Norman font, 'the finest in Shropshire' (John Leonard), and medieval tiles are remarkable, and complement the churchyard's solitude and superb views west to the Cleve Hills.

www.stottyheritage.co.uk



Tong St Bartholomew

TF11 8PW P ♿ WC at nearby village hall.
Open daylight hours

A beautiful 15th century cruciform perpendicular Gothic church with octagonal tower, medieval misericords, 19th century panelling from Oberammergau and a Kempe east window. The Golden Chapel has intricate fan vaulting and there are many fine 15th century tombs.

www.tong-church.org.uk

Tugford St Catherine

SY7 9HS P on road with access across the old village green, a privately owned field.

Open daylight hours

St Catherine is Grade II* listed and lies in the Corvedale at the foot of Clee Hill. It is single-cell, mainly Norman, while the tower is Early English. Inside the south doorway there are two sheela-na-gigs, and there are unusual tomb recesses. The bells, restored in 2006, date back to 1635.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10751/



Upton Magna St Lucia

SY4 4TZ P WC  with assistance

Open all day Easter to October

One of only two churches in the UK dedicated to St Lucia, patron saint of light and eyesight, hence a close association with the RNIB. Parts of the building may date back to before 1135 when nearby Haughmond Abbey was built. The tower was completed in 1475 and houses six bells, some 'old, rare and precious'. Some Victorian restoration by G E Street including beautiful windows. A recent refurbishment and a well maintained wildlife friendly churchyard make this lovely church well worth a visit.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4664/



Welsh Frankton St Andrew

SY11 4NX P  Church open

Victorian sandstone church with spire. Bright open interior, with fine marble altarpiece, and encaustic tiles set into the screen wall. Panoramic views include the Breidden Hills, the Wrekin, the Stiperstones, the Long Mynd and Wenlock Edge.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4272



Wentnor St Michael and All Angels

SY9 5EE P  Open daylight hours

Dating from Norman times, but substantially restored in 1886, Wentnor Church occupies its hilltop setting, offering extensive views. Inside, the nave displays colourful hand embroidered kneelers, whilst the 'hurricane tombstone' commemorates a ferocious blizzard which wiped out an entire family.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10767





Weston under Redcastle St Luke

SY4 5UX P limited


Open in Summer. Keyholders on noticeboard.

The village is under the southwest edge of the Hawkstone Ridge and overlooked by the remains of the Red Castle, from which it gets its name. Built in 1791 of large red sandstone blocks, the church originally consisted of a nave and the western tower only. It was in the main financed by Sir Richard Hill, second baronet of Hawkstone. The chancel, vestry and porch were added in the 1800s. The church is the resting place of the Hill family and there is a Binns organ.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4325/

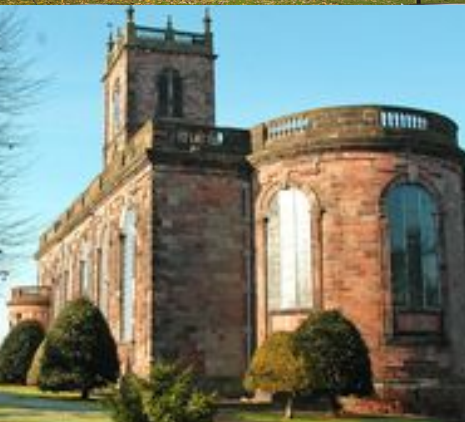


Wem St Peter and St Paul

SY4 5DP  ramp and WC Open daily

Lovely elegant building with a medieval tower from around 1350-1399, and Early English west door. A previous building on this site was destroyed in the Great Fire of Wem in 1677, which even melted the church bells (subsequently recast in 1680). The current church largely dates from a further rebuild in 1810. Many interesting features including a wrought iron pulpit, some lovely windows and a spacious west gallery on slender cast iron columns.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4601/



Whitchurch St Alkmund


SY13 1LB  P WC Open 10am-5pm

Grade 1 listed Queen Anne church (1713) of majestic proportions and full of light due to its enormous windows and slender pillars. Contains the tomb of John Talbot, first earl of Shrewsbury and a plaque to the noted 17th century Biblical scholar Matthew Henry.

<https://www.stalkmunds.com/>



Whittington St John the Baptist

SY11 4DF P  WC Ramp available Open 9-4 daily

The church has a picturesque position overlooking the castle gateway and its large moat. It is home to the Whittington International Music Festival each May. The oldest part of the present brick building is the tower of 1747, which houses 6 bells and a clock dating from Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee Celebrations. The church is wide and spacious with large and interesting windows. It was extended and rebuilt throughout the 19th century. We aim to be a welcoming Church for all, and to extend the message of the Gospel to the local community which we serve, and to encourage work among children and young people.

www.whittingtonchurch.org.uk

Whitton St Mary

SY8 3DB P limited in lane Church open

Much of the structure dates from the 12th Century, and the Norman origins are still visible in the slit windows and the south doorway. At the west end stands the massive and squat 14th century tower, almost completely plain. Here, as also in the nave structure, can be seen thin Roman bricks, possibly salvaged from a Roman villa nearby. There are some Norman windows and some beautiful Pre-Raphaelite ones including the east window designed by Sir Edward Burne Jones, and executed by William Morris.

www.tenburyteam.co.uk/whitton_church.html

Wombridge St Mary and St Leonard

TF2 6HT ♿ P WC in church. Viewing and self led tours by arrangement, 01952 615367

Built in 1869 by George Bidlake. Dating from the 4th century, on site of Augustinian Priory. Scheduled ancient monument adjacent. Sympathetically re-ordered. Fine reredos, pulpit and vicar's stall. Priory Lady Chapel ruins now uncovered. Recovered masonry and floor tiles on display in church.

www.facebook.com/wombridgechurchor

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4656/

Worfield St Peter

WV15 5LF P limited ♿ ramp available WC Open daily

The imposing 12th century church of St Peter's is at the heart of the picturesque village of Worfield. It tells a story through the centuries with rare medieval doors, reputedly found in a haystack, unusual 17th century monuments, lepers' hatch and wonderful refurbished stained glass. Nearby stands the 16th century former rectory and the old grammar school.

www.stpeterschurchworfield.com



Wrockwardine St Peter


TF6 5DG P on street WC suitable for disabled Keyholders' details on notice board

The church is presumed to be of Saxon origin with an impressive entry in the Domesday Book of 1086, referring to a church and a priest (Odelarius) in the settlement. There have been changes to the church over the centuries, but since the Perpendicular age (late fourteenth century) there have been few major alterations. Interesting features include the architecture, furnishing, bells and stained glass, some by Kempe and Connor. Well worth a visit.

achurchnearyou.com/church/4666

Baschurch All Saints

Late entry

SY4 2EF P WC  ramp, may need assistance

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This ancient church, built of the local sandstone blocks, is mentioned in the Domesday Book, 1068. The impressive Tower dates from the 13th and 14th centuries. All Saints was restored in 1790 by Telford and again in the 19th century. There is a Kempe window and a number of Hatchments. The churchyard has six Commonwealth War Graves and the grave of Dame Agnes Hunt, founder of the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital. There is a Yew Tree aged between 500-800 years old.

<https://allsaintsbaschurch.com/baschurch-services>



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Glossary of terms used in this booklet:

Apse - The end of the chancel, often semicircular.

Chancel -The east end of the church containing the altar.

Corbel - A stone block in a wall, often supporting a roof beam.

Hagioscope or squint - one or usually two openings in the chancel arch.

Misericord -The hinged lid of a choir stall, sometimes carved.

Nave -The main body of the church.

Pilaster -A shallow column attached to a wall.

Piscina -A basin with a drain near the altar for washing vessels used in services.

Reredos -An ornamental screen or hanging behind the altar.

Romanesque -Norman or Anglo Saxon architecture with round arches.

Rood -A cross.

Splayed window - a window in an angled recess to let in more light.

Triptych -a set of three painted panels hinged together.

Vesica -an oval with pointed head and foot, may describe a window.

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