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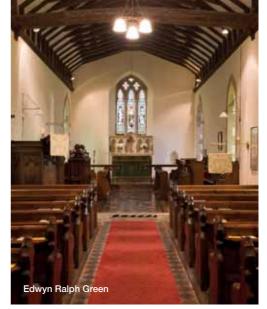
Churches tell a story, many stories - of families, of political intrigue and social change, of architecture, and changes in belief. Herefordshire Churches Tourism Group is a network of some of the best churches and chapels in the county that have dominated the landscape and life of communities for more than a thousand years.

What will you find when you enter the door? A source of fascination, awe, or a deep sense of peace? Here people have come and still come, generation on generation, seeking the place of their ancestors or solace for the present. Our churches still play a significant part in the life of our communities. Some act as community centres with modern facilities, others have developed their churchyards to attract wild life, all serve as living monuments to our heritage and history. Visiting our churches can enhance your appreciation and enjoyment of Herefordshire. Come and share.

Mappa Mundi, one of the world's unique medieval treasures, Hereford Cathedral. Reproduced by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter of Hereford and the Mappa Mundi Trustees.

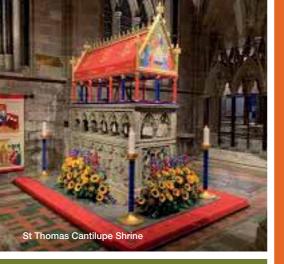
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A series of events is planned for the 700th anniversary of Hereford's own saint, Thomas Cantilupe. With healing a major part of the year's theme, 4 unique walks are included all linking places associated with the saint as a health-giving activity.

**SATURDAY 25 APRIL** - St Thomas & Stained Glass Madley to Hereford

**TUESDAY 19 MAY** - In the Steps of St Ethelbert Bodenham to Marden to Hereford

**SATURDAY 18 JULY** - The Black Mountains Pilgrimage Abbey Dore to Craswall

**SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER** - The Two Thomas's Walk Credenhill to Hereford

Please note that these walks are subject to fair weather conditions and start times will be agreed nearer the time of the walk.

For further information please check www. herefordcathedral.org.

#### DRIVE, WALK and DISCOVER

The **St Thomas Way** is a new heritage route starting in Swansea and ending in Hereford.

## PASTORAL HEREFORD CITY

Herefordshire is one of England's most rural, natural, peaceful and relaxing counties with an abundance of lovely places to stay; local food and drink; things to do and explore every season of the year. Hereford is the historic cathedral city of Herefordshire and lies on the River Wye with fine walks along the river bank and a wide range of places to eat and drink. Look out for those that offer Local artisan produced cider and perry (do visit Hereford Cider Museum), beer, a cornucopia of fruit and vegetables and meat from the famous Hereford breed of cattle.

Within a few minutes' drive from Hereford you will find quiet roads and country lanes, villages and hamlets with place names influenced by the Romans, Saxons and Welsh. The views open up and the countryside become predominantly agricultural. Come in the spring for great swathes of snowdrops and rooks nesting in churchyards and a visit to The Weir (NT). The summer brings delicious soft fruits and vegetables - all available in local farm shops close to Tillington and Bridge Sollars. Harvest Festivals, with churches decorated in glowing autumn colours and when 'forest leaves all brighten on the bow' (Wordsworth) are the harbinger of crisp clear days for walking or cycling or just sharing the tranquillity of Herefordshire with loved ones.

#### **BARTESTREE**

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#### **BELMONT ABBEY**

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## Longworth R.C. Chapel St Michael's Hospice

HR1 4DX

OS Grid Reference: SO 568 405

A unique C14 2\* listed chapel adjacent to Frome Court. In continuous use as a RC chapel for 600 years. Features a most beautiful East window from 1860s by Hardman of Birmingham. The chapel is dedicated to St James; His Grace the Archbishop of Cardiff celebrates Mass on St James' Day Thurs 14th June 11am.

Hours of Access 11am to 4pm Saturday only. P in hospice lower car park.

₩ ≯ by arrangement with St Michael's Hospice, 100 metres.

www.longworthchapel.org

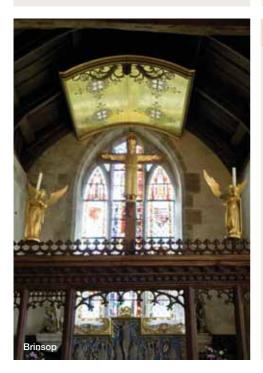
#### St Michael and All Angels

A465 to Abergavenny

OS Grid Reference SO 482 381

A functioning monastery of Benedictine monks. The monks meet five times during the day to pray in the Victorian Abbey Church - all are welcome. Ornate church with wonderful glass. Reliquary believed to contain a fragment of the head of St Thomas Cantilupe - a mediaeval Hereford saint. Hedley Lodge is the Abbey guesthouse/restaurant which is open all year for accommodation, retreats, functions, conferences, workshops and events.

www.belmontabbey.org.uk



#### **BRINSOP**

#### St George

Off A480 between Credenhill and Mansel Lacy

HR4 7AY

OS Grid Reference SO 442 448

One of 'England's Thousand Best Churches' according to the author Simon Jenkins, this small church, set on a fortified site next to a lake in the shadow of Credenhill Iron Age Fort, contains work from every century since the 12th.

P & with assistance

www.visithereforshirechurches.co.uk

**CREDENHILL** 

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#### EATON BISHOP

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#### St Mary

Off the A480 Hereford/Sarnesfield HR4 70L

OS Grid Reference SO 450 438

14th century stained glass – depicting Thomas a Beckett and Thomas Cantilupe. Associated with Thomas Treherne and Bulmers.

Open 10.00am - 5.00pm daily

PX Village shop

www.visithereforshirechurches.co.uk

#### St Michael and All Angels

Off B4352 HR2 9QD

OS Grid Reference SO 443 391

Justifiably recognised for its outstanding 14th century stained glass, the most notable being the medieval stained glass of the East window. An interesting feature is the almost complete carriage drive around the church.

Hours of Access 9am – 6pm (if locked a key may be obtained from Martins Croft opposite the church).

P & Nearest shop Madley

X Nearest pub Comet Inn Madley

Eaton Camp Iron Age Hill Fort in Ruckhall Little marsh common SSSI on boundary of Clehonger and Eaton Bishop

www.eatonbishop.org

#### FELTON

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### HAMPTON BISHOP

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#### St Michael the Archangel

Off A417 near Burley Gate HR1 3PH OS Grid Reference SO 579 485

Small but perfectly formed country church with recently installed three stop organ, Carillion keyboard for the bells and a tradition of Shakespeare plays refracted in stained glass.

www.visithereforshirechurches.co.uk

#### St Andrew's

Off the B4224 HR1 4JX

OS Grid Reference SO 558 380

Picturesque Norman church with unusual ground plan and medieval roof timbers. Impressive stone reredos in north chapel. Fine stained glass window by Thomas Camm. Elgar lived nearby and played the excellent Nicholson and Lord organ.

Open 9.00am - 4.00pm daily

www.stpaulshereford.org.uk

Support from English Heritage, HHCT and NCT



#### HEREFORD CATHEDRAL

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## The Blessed Virgin Mary and St Ethelbert the King

**Broad Street** 

OS Grid Reference SO 509 397

A warm welcome awaits you at our Norman cathedral with lots to enjoy: Mappa Mundi, Chained Library, special exhibitions, the Shrine of St Thomas, Traherne windows, tours (gardens, tower & general), concerts, jazz and world-class music and liturgy. Online Choral Evensong. Open 9.15 am until Evensong daily.

www.herefordcathedral.org

#### St Francis Xavier RC Church

Broad Street, HR4 9AP

OS Grid Reference SO 509 398

Built in 1829, as a "Jesuit Temple" and designed according to classical Greek traditions. This lovely church is lit by a crystal glass dome. Close to the tabernacle is the reliquary of martyr Father John Kemble, hanged in 1679 for practising his faith as a Roman Catholic priest at the age of 79 years.



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**HEREFORD** 

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#### HOLME LACY

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#### St Peter's

St Peter's Square Hereford, HR1 2DL OS Grid Reference SO 511 400

The oldest and largest parish church in the city. Founded 1074, Exhibition of the life and work of the Rev. John Venn. Car parking is in city.

Open Easter to October Wednesday & Friday 11.00am - 2.00pm

P in city.

& WC

www.spsj.org.uk

#### St Cuthhert

5m SE of Hereford off B4399. beyond Holme Lacy

OS Grid Reference SO 568 347

In a pretty setting on a bend of the River Wye this fine mediaeval church rich in 16th and 17th century Scudamore family monuments and an unusual decorated font. Lovely mediaeval and modern glass.

A Champing<sup>™</sup> church.





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#### LITTLE BIRCH

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#### St Mary

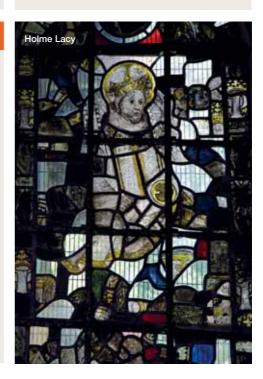
6 miles south of Hereford off A49

OS Grid Reference 511 312

We are very proud of our beautiful Victorian church which is open for everybody to enjoy. Make the most of your visit with our tea and coffee making facilities. Note the ironwork, the Norman font and other interesting features. We look forward to welcoming you to St. Mary's very soon.



www.achurchnearyou.com/stmarylb



MADLEY

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#### MARDEN

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#### Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary

On B4532

OS Grid Reference SO 419 387

One of the finest church buildings locally, dating from 1100 to 1350. A pilgrim site since 550 AD - St Dubricius (Dyfrig) was reputedly born here. Stained glass 13th and 14th century, 14th century wall paintings. Rare polygonal apse, with restored crypt.



www.visithereforshirechurches.co.uk

#### St Mary the Virgin

Off A49 Hereford/Leominster, HR1 3EN

OS Grid Reference SO 511 470

Fine historic church dating back to 1240 on the banks of the River Lugg. Site of St Ethelbert's Well – an ancient place of pilgrimage which can still be seen in the church today.



www.mardenvillage.co.uk/ aroundvillage/marden-parish-church

#### WELLINGTON

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## WITHINGTON

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#### St Margaret of Antioch

Off A49 5 miles north of Hereford HR4 8AZ

OS Grid Reference SO 497 482

A remarkable early 13th century Tower, interesting timber roofs to north aisle and porch. Memorial to Benjamin Tomkins, important early developers of the Hereford cattle breed. 'Green Man' roof boss in North Transept.



★ Wellington Garden Centre on A49

www.thelocalchannel.co.uk/wellingtonweb

#### St Peter's

Off A4103 4 miles north-east of Hereford

HR1 30F

OS Grid Reference SO 565 434

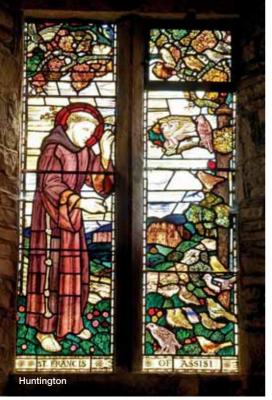
The very tall and graceful octagonal stone spire (14th century) may be your first view of this medieval church, which is set overlooking lush farmland. Many periods of architecture are represented, from Norman onwards.

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X Radway Garden Centre on A4103. Open Summer 10.00am – 4.00pm daily Winter 10.00am – 3.00pm daily

www.bartestreecross.org







## MEADOWS AND FORESTS OF THE LUGG, TEME AND SILVER ARROW

This is where England meets Wales in the north west of Herefordshire. Deeply rural with breathtaking countryside, of rolling hills, ancient woods, forests and water meadows. The rivers, Lugg, Arrow and Teme, are all prominent features of the landscape. Some of the place names of the picturesque villages and hamlets are lost in the mist of time. Many were thriving medieval townships with bustling markets based on the wool of the Ryeland sheep bred by the monks in Leominster.

The market towns of Leominster, "The Town in the Marches", and Kington, close to Offa's Dyke Path, both offer a wide variety of shops, cafés, pubs, places to stay and antique shops. Between Leominster and Kington are to be found 'The Black and White Villages' and an artisan cheese maker. To the south of Leominster is Queenswood Country Park. To the north west of Leominster is Mortimer Country, lying in the lee of the Shropshire Hills AONB. Historically a land of political history and intrigue, dominated by the rich estates, offices of power and profit bestowed upon the Mortimer Marcher Lords of Wigmore.

From early summer to late autumn, festivals, village fetes and celebratory events flourish in this area.

**ALMELEY** 

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#### **BODENHAM**

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#### St Mary the Virgin

Off the A44 South East of Kington
OS Grid Reference SO 332 515

This grade 1 listed church is mainly 13th and 14th century with later alterations. Of particular note is the Tudor painted ceiling. Set in a peaceful rural location next to an ancient motte and bailey, the church is in the conservation area of this small village.

P WC Village shop

www.visitherefordshirechurches.co.uk

#### St Michael and All Angels

Off the A417

OS Grid Reference SO 530 509

A gracious church in a lovely orchard setting by the River Lugg. Predominantly 14th century and in 'Decorated' style – unusual in Herefordshire.

P & WC A God's Acre

X England's Gate Inn and Hampton Court Castle

www.visithereforshirechurches.co.uk

#### **BRAMPTON BRYAN**

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#### St Barnabas

Just off A4113 SY7 ODH

OS Grid Reference SO 370 725

Rare 'Commonwealth' (1656) building, following Civil War destruction of Norman predecessor. Breadth out of all usual proportion to length. 14th century Effigy, 17th century memorial to 1st Earl of Oxford. Exceptional triple hammer beam roof. Victorian alterations include fine east window. Sense of sacred space survives.

P on roadside

Aardvark Bookery in village X has café and w.c.

www.wigmore-abbey.org.uk



#### **BREDENBURY**

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#### **BRIMFIELD**

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#### St Andrew's

On A44 Bromyard to Leominster
OS Grid Reference SO 521 217 ????
HR7 4TF

St Andrew's looks much older than it is. The original 13C church at Bredenbury was described in the middle of the 19th century as being old and dilapidated, and with the merger of Bredenbury with nearby Wacton a new church was agreed as a necessity.

The lovely marble pulpit in the church of St. Andrew was erected in memory of Barneby of Brockhampton, MP, and Susan his wife, who died 18th December 1850. Erected by W.H. Barnaby, their son.

#### St Michael

Off A49 Leominster to Ludlow, SY8 4NF

OS Grid Reference SO 527 675

There has probably been a church on the site since 1100AD. With considerable later additions and reconstruction. Of note are the millennium window together with a fine pictorial quilt (1987) and beautiful altar cloth (2010) both created by local women.

#### P

www.visithereforshirechurches.co.uk

#### **CROFT**

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Off the B4362

OS Grid Reference SO 449 654

St Michael and All Angels

Built about 1300 near the castle. Pretty clock tower and Gallery added late 17th century imposing monument to Sir Richard Croft died 1509.



✗ in church during summer − Croft Castle National Trust

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#### **EARDISLEY**

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## St Mary Magdalene

A4111 HR3 6NS

OS Grid Reference SO 312 491

Home to what many consider to be the finest Norman font in England, this impressive parish church is an excellent example of a mediaeval hall.

#### P & WC

X Village Convenience Store; The Tram Inn, The Strand (pub, post office, book shop)

www.eardisley-church-heritage.co.uk

Support from Lottery Awards for All DEFRA

#### HATFIELD

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#### HUNTINGTON

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#### St Leonard

4 miles off A44 Leominster to Bromyard, HR6 0SF

OS Grid Reference SO 585 593

One of the 3 oldest churches in Herefordshire, with a pre-Norman tub font; early Norman doorway with lintel of 3 jogged stones and trellised typanum; herringbone masonry; and rare early 13th century flower pot bell.

P Roadside parking

Ramp available on request

X Bromyard a small town offering all facilities.

www.visithereforshirechurches.co.uk

#### St Thomas a Becket

9 miles from Kington via B4594 OS Grid reference SO 249 533 HR5 3PY

St Thomas a Becket Church is reputed to have been erected in the early 13th century as part of the penance of one of the murderers of Thomas à Becket in 1170 and possibly stands on the site of an earlier Saxon church.

Open all Day



Support from Lottery Awards for All www.thekingtonparishes.org.uk

#### KINGSLAND

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#### St Michael and All Angels

Off A4110

OS Grid Reference SO 446 612

Large Norman church with an intriguing little 14th century Chantry chapel. Fine Victorian painted chancel ceiling and wonderful medieval glass. The disabled ramp is situated just inside main door. There is a village shop with Post Office and tea rooms opposite the Church and 2 pubs within easy walking distance.

P wc

Ramp is situated just inside main door

Post Office with shop, 2 pubs

www.kingslandgroup.org.uk



KINGTON

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#### **KINNERSLEY**

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#### St Mary the Virgin

Church Road

OS Grid Reference SO 291 567

Large church set in hilltop churchyard. Norman origins. Massive tower once separate. 13th century chancel. 14th century chapel houses Vaughan tomb. Superb stained glass windows Clayton and Bell. Guide Card for visitors available in the church.

P

WC Not adapted for disabled

⊕ On south side 
 X In town

www.kingtontourist.info

www.thekingtonparishes.org.uk

#### St James

Off A4112

OS Grid Reference SO 345 496

12th century church with interesting saddle back tower. Internal décor by famous church architect of the Victorian era George Edward Bodley.



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#### **LEINTWARDINE**

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#### St Mary Magdalene

OS Grid Reference SO 404 740

13th and 14th century church with Saxon and Norman foundations. Lady Chapel built by Roger de Mortimer. Early 15th century choir stalls, misericords and angels from Wigmore Abbey. Monument to General Sir Banastre Tarleton. New misericords dedicated to 'Flossie', life time landlady of the Sun Inn and 'Doug' the local butcher.



X Hotel, listed Parlour Pub, Tea Rooms, Fiddlers Elbow Fish and Chips, petrol and shop in the village

www.wigmore-abbey.org.uk/

#### **LEOMINSTER**

Moravian Church

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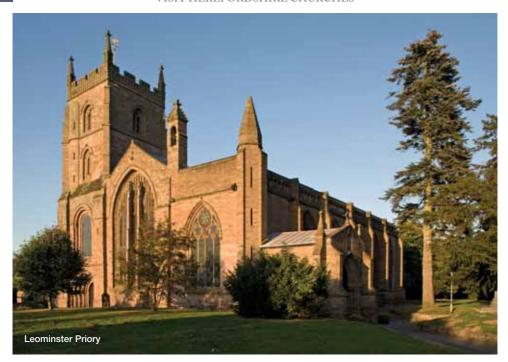
B4361 South Street, HR6 8JH OS Grid Reference SO 496 586

A Moravian congregation was established at Leominster in 1750. The church was built in 1759, consecrated in 1751 and has served the neighbouring community ever since.

There is regular family worship at 4pm each Sunday and Holy Communion as part of the first Sunday service of every month

www.moravian.org.uk

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#### LEOMINSTER PRIORY

1 LYONSHALL

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#### St Peter and St Paul

OS Grid Reference SO 498 593

Originally a Norman Benedictine Priory founded by Henry I as pilgrim church. Later extensions southwards, two Gothic naves were used by town and as Minster for surrounding village churches. Norman west doorway and window above has Herefordshire School carvings. Norman nave is architecturally impressive. Ducking stool is last used in England.

Open daily 9.00am to 4.00pm

Broad Street Car Park,
use the back public exit and turn right
Leominster Museum Etnam Street, C17
Grange Court overlooking the Grange.

www.leominsterpriory.org.uk

#### St Michael and All Angels

On the A44 Leominster to Kington OS Grid Reference SO 336 554

Sharing the elevated position of the castle, the main outline of the church as seen today was constructed after 1250. It was restored in 1870-1873 and most of the internal fittings, modern windows and the stained glass are of that date. The ornate south porch was added in the 1870 restoration.

#### P&

www.visitherefordshirechurches.co.uk

#### MONKLAND

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#### **All Saints**

A44 2 miles west of Leominster HR6 9DB

OS Grid Reference SO 460 576

Dating from circa 1100, beautifully restored in the 19th century. The church holds many reminders of the remarkable Victorian hymn writer Reverend Sir Henry Williams Baker.

Open summer 9.00-6.00. Winter 9.00-4.00

P in adjacent farmyard



★ Monkland Cheese Shop & Cafe
www.visitherefordshirechurches.co.uk



#### OLD RADNOR

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#### **ORLETON**

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#### St Stephens

OS Grid Reference SO 249 590

14th century Collegiate church, overlooking the Walton Basin and containing one of the finest medieval rood screens in Wales; the earliest surviving organ case in the UK; an Easter Sepulchre and the 18th century Cornwall-Lewis monument, said to be of equal quality to those in Westminster Abbey.

P with fabulous views

X Harp Inn or New Radnor and Kington www.thekingtonparishes.co.uk

#### St George

Off the B4361 Leominster to Ludlow Post Code SY8 4HN

OS Grid Reference SO 494 671

The 12th century church has many interesting features that bring visitors from far and wide. Stained glass windows, royal intrigue, a preaching cross and links with Proctor & Gamble to name but a few.

Open daily from 9-5

P

★ The Boot Inn, The Baker's Arms and Post Office and Stores

www.orletonvillage.co.uk

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#### **PEMBRIDGE**

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#### St Mary

On A44 Leominster to Kington
OS Grid Reference SO 390 580
Post Code HR6 9EA

Spectacular detached belfry. The 14th century church is huge and elegant. Roger Mortimer is thought to have ordered its building. There are rare and interesting effigies, pieces of Jacobean furniture and beautiful stained glass windows. Don't miss our tapestries that depict a thousand years of history.

Hours of Access: daylight hours

P in village car park

X 2 teashops. 2 public houses www.arrowvalechurches.org.uk

#### **PRESTEIGNE**

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Broad Street, Presteigne.

LD8 2BE

St Andrew

OS Grid Reference SO 315 645

Llanandras, the Welsh name for Presteigne, means the holy place of St Andrew, and there has been a church here since Norman times. Outstanding medieval church, finest in Radnorshire with Norman and Saxon remains.

Superb carved rood screen. Remarkable Flemish tapestry, woven in 1510, hangs on the wall.

P W X Small town offering all facilities.

Judges Lodging a must visit.

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#### RICHARD'S CASTLE

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#### STAUNTON ON ARROW

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#### St Bartholomew

3.5m SW of Ludlow (turn off B4361 at Castle Inn)

OS Grid Reference SO 484 702

High above the village next to one of the earliest 'marcher' castles built mid 11th century and offering panoramic views, the 12th century church has a massive detached tower. Fine Georgian box pews and rare 17th century family pew.



www.visitchurches.org.uk

#### St. Peter's

On unclassified road between Shobdon and Pembridge.

HR6 9HR OS Grid Ref SO 369 600

An interesting example of Gothic-revival, St Peter's Church sits on a prominent location next to the Norman motte and bailey. Good stained glass in East and West windows and eclectic mix of window tracery. Six-bell peal and good organ.

Nearest shop at Shobdon – 2.5 miles. Pubs at Pembridge (2 miles) and Shobdon.

Site of castle to visit, other interesting buildings to view – Old Court, Court of Noke, Old Vicarage (Staunton House B&B)

#### **STRETFORD**

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#### St Cosmos & St Damian

Signposted from A4110 Hereford to Knighton

OS Grid Reference SO 443 557

An unusual church with twin naves. Among the delights is a shrine to St Cosmos and St Damian - the patrons of physicians and surgeons.



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#### WHITNEY ON WYE

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#### WORMSLEY

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#### St Peter & St Paul

A438 Hereford to Brecon

OS Grid Reference SO 267 475

Peaceful little church built in 1740 using stone from the original church which was in danger of being washed away by the River Wye. Contains treasures from the old church including 12th century font, and some old pews. Also houses beautiful stained glass windows. Rev. Francis Kilvert was a regular visitor.

Open all day



WC in Carrot and Wine Stores

X in Carrot and Wine Stores

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#### St Mary

Signposted off the Weobley

to Tillington road

OS Grid Reference SO 427 477

Set in hilly country, its churchyard grazed by sheep, this little church has Norman origins (although as a site of worship it is much older).

In the churchyard is the tomb of Thomas Payne Knight, an expert fruit grower who developed new varieties of apples.



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#### YARPOLE

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YAZOR

#### St Leonard's

Off the B4361 Leominster to Ludlow or B4362 Mortimers Cross to Ludlow HR6 0BB

OS Grid Reference SO 469 648

The mediaeval nave has been imaginatively re-ordered to provide the village community shop, a gallery café and facilities for a broad range of secular events whilst maintaining the primary function as a church.

Open 8.00am - 6.00pm daily



X Gallery café, community shop and P.O. in church

www.yarpole.com

St Mary the Virgin

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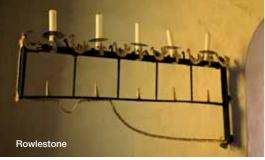
Off A480, 7m NW of Hereford OS Grid Reference SO 405 465

The sanctuary of this former estate church is a riot of colour and carving. Several monuments and treasures from the original nearby church also offer interest.





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## THE GOLDEN VALLEY

The Golden Valley is the name given to the valley of the River Dore in west Herefordshire between Hereford and Hay-on-Wye. The valley is a picturesque area of gently rolling countryside sheltered by the Black Mountains of the Brecon Beacons AONB. It is here that Hatterall Ridge, the highest point in Herefordshire, forms the boundary between Wales and England. The escarpments, overlooking the River Wye, offer stunning long distance views of the Herefordshire countryside and into Wales.

This is a land of prehistoric people, stories and legends, dark skies and literary connections. This is excellent walking country with the Herefordshire Trail running through the Golden Valley and Offa's Dyke Path on the Black Mountains offering a mix of valley and wild highland ridge walks.

The diaries of the Reverend Francis Kilvert extol the beauty of this area and it is at Bredwardine where he is buried. Across the Wye from the church is a lovely garden to visit. Peterchurch, Dorstone, Ewyas Harold and Longtown all have pubs, shops and places to stay. Find time to sample traditiona Herefordshire ciders made close to Abbey Dore and Dorstone.

#### **ABBEYDORE**

#### **Dore Abbey**

B4347

OS Grid Reference SO 387 304

Founded by Cistercians in 1147. 17th century conservation and restoration ensured its survival. Memorable wall paintings, stone carving, mediaeval glass and tiles and the original stone altar. Notable wood carving by local 17th century craftsman, John Abel.

Pon road & WC

www.doreabbey.org.uk



#### **BACTON**

#### St Faith

On minor road, off B4347 Pontrilas to Vowchurch

OS Grid reference S0 371 324 HR2 0AR

Overlooking the Golden Valley, this lovely church of Bacton is dedicated to Saint Faith. Bacton church has the nationally important Blanche Parry Memorial, an exquisite copy of the priceless Bacton Altar cloth, the only surviving section from a dress of Queen Flizabeth 1

Open during daylight hours

\* two pubs and village shop in **Ewyas Harold** 

www.achurchnearyou.com/ church/10409

#### **BREDWARDINE**

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#### St Andrew

13 miles west of Hereford off the A438 OS Grid reference S0 330 449 HR3 6BT

St Andrew's a fascinating church of considerable antiquity, in a beautiful and peaceful setting above the banks of the River Wye. In the churchyard is the tomb of the Reverend Francis Kilvert who ministered in St Andrew's from November 1877 until his untimely death in September 1879. Francis Kilvert is known for his fascinating Diary, which shed light, humour and pathos on the hard life of the poor in Victorian Times.

Open during daylight hours



www.bredwardine-brobury.org.uk

**CLODOCK** 

**CUSOP** 

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#### St Clydawa

Road signed Longtown from A465 at Pandy

HR2 0NY

OS Grid Reference SO 326 275

Grade 1 listed church dating from the 12th century. Probably built on the site of the Celtic saint's tomb. Features include mediaeval painting of The Virgin Mary, 9th century tombstone, 3 decker pulpit and musicians gallery.

Proadside &

X Village Store in Longtown

www.visithereforshirechurches.co.uk

#### St Mary & St Cewydd

Off B4348

HR3 5RF

OS Grid Reference SO 240 415

Close to the book town of Hay-on-Wye, the church has some original Norman features including the blocked up 'devils door' in the north wall. Yew trees in the church vard were old when mentioned in the Domesday Book. William Seward, a friend of the Wesleys, considered a martyr, is buried in the churchyard. There are connections with Rev. Francis Kilvert.

P & WC for services & events Gody



X Tea & coffee available in the church and Hav-on-Wve 1/2 mile

www.cusop.net

#### DORSTONE

### EWYAS HAROLD

#### St Faith

**B4348** 

OS Grid Reference SO 314 417

Early English style, built by 1889, designed on the lines of the old church erected in the 11th or 12th century, possibly by Richard de Brito.



www.stfaithdorstone.wordpress.com

#### St Michael & All Angels

West of B4347 in village. West of A465 HR2 0EZ

OS Grid Reference SO 387 287

St Michael's dates from the 13th century. The massive tower is likely to have given protection from raiders. Fascinating features include a rare two-manual 19th century pipe-organ. The altar incorporates some four panels, two of Netherlandish Mannerist figures, circa 1530, and two depicting scenes of the Passion Mid 17th century.

Open daylight hours

P & WC

www.visithereforshirechurches.co.uk

#### **HARDWICKE**

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#### ROWLESTONE

#### **Holy Trinity**

B4348

HR3 5TA

OS Grid Reference SO 270 437

Consecrated in 1851, the church commands beautiful views and has a distinctive bellcote. Francis Kilvert visited regularly and was well acquainted with the second vicar, Thomas Webb, a renowned amateur astronomer.



www.cliffordparish.org.uk/church.html

#### St Peter

Off A465 at Pontrilas

OS Grid Reference SO 373 271

This simple Norman church was built about 1130, consisting of an aisle-less nave and a chancel possibly with a semi-circular apse. The chancel arch and south doorway are outstanding specimens of the famous Herefordshire School of Romanesque Sculpture.



www.rowlstone.org

#### ST MARGARETS

#### St Margaret's

West of B437 Abbeydore to Vowchurch

OS Grid Reference SO 353 337

A simple church of Norman origin noted for 16th century rood screen in oak. 18th century wall texts and east window by Archibald Davies





www.visitchurches.org.uk www.bmgparishes.org.uk

See photograph on front cover









# HOPS, APPLES AND PEARS

Lying east between Hereford and the Malvern Hills AONB lie gently rolling wooded countryside and the market towns of Bromyard and Ledbury. Bromyard is unspoilt and offers much to see and to do. Bromyard Downs and Bringsty Common are beautiful open country spaces. The traditionally farmed Brockhampton estate (NT) has miles of walks through the park and woodland. Bromyard is still the centre of the hop growing industry in Herefordshire and close by is a master brewer whose traditional ales can be found throughout the county.

Ledbury is a market town with a significant number of timber framed buildings. Nearby is Eastnor Castle. Ledbury was home to poetess Elizabeth Barret Browning and the birthplace of poet laureate John Masefield. Close to Ledbury are the Herefordshire parishes on the Marcle Ridge, where the local orchards are famous for their cider and perry fruit and excellent eating apples. The Big Apple Blossomtime and Harvesttime events are special opportunities to enjoy the countryside and taste the liquid gold of oaks, casks and barrels. Many of the traditionally made ciders and perries have EU PGI Accreditation.

**AYLTON** 

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HR47NL

Off A438 Hereford to Ledbury
OS Grid Reference SO 658 376

Aylton church is a tiny gem; visitors are struck by its serene interior. The grouping of church, Court Farm, and magnificent thatched barn is believed to reflect the layout of an Anglo-Saxon estate, though the oldest part of the present church is early twelfth century. The site on a low mound, once surrounded by a moat, was possibly chosen for defence against marauding Welshmen.



X Trumpet Tea Rooms, Trumpet Cross Roads

www.visithereforshirechurches.co.uk



**BROMYARD** 

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#### St Peter

OS Grid Reference SO 655 548

Cruciform Norman church, with massive central tower and curious corner stair turret. Several interesting features including 7 tomb sepulchres, 14th century grave cover of a knight and a Bushel measure.



www.visitherefordshirechurches.co.uk

COLWALL

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#### St James the Great

Mill Lane –1 mile off B4218 (Walwyn Rd)
OS Grid Reference SO 739 423
WR13 6HE

An attractive church situated a mile from Colwall in a peaceful rural setting with sight of the Malvern Hills. It is of a Norman heritage with later mainly Victorian modifications. Fine timber framed roof and other furnishings and memorials of note. Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union, was married in the church in 1848.



 $oldsymbol{\mathcal{K}}$  coffee shop, village shop, hotel and pub in Colwall village

www.colwallchurch.org

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CRADLEY 58 EASTNOR

#### St James the Great

Off A4103 Hereford/Worcester OS Grid Reference SO 736 471

A Grade II\* listed building of Norman and mediaeval construction, restored and extended by Sir George Gilbert Scott, situated in the Malvern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.



★ Tea & coffee making facilities in church. Closed Wednesday pm for cleaning

www.cradleychurch.org.uk

#### St John the Baptist

2 miles east of Ledbury just off the A438 HR8 1RA

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The Grade 1 listed church of St. John the Baptist is adjacent to Eastnor Castle. There has been a church on the site since the 12th Century. Some parts of the early building remain, including the south nave doorway, the 12th century font and the 13th century nave arcade. The lower parts of the west tower is also 13th century, while the upper part is 14th century.

Open daylight hours every day



www.eastnorchurch.com

#### EDWYN RALPH

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#### St Michael and All Angels

Off B4214, signposted to church OS Grid Reference SO 645 575

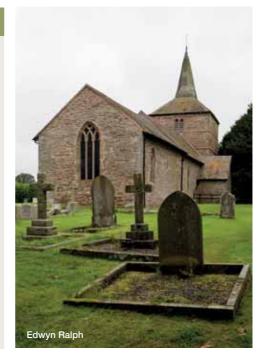
Standing close to moat and the site of a Saxon Village until the Black Death. Grade II\* listed building, circa 1170 contains significant collection of mediaeval stone effigies.

Open daylight hours every day

P on roadside

X Ralph Court Gardens at 4.00pm Wed to Sun and Bank Holidays. March – October

www.bredonburybenefice.org.uk



**LEDBURY** 

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#### **MORETON JEFFRIES**

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#### St Michael and All Angels

Church Lane

OS Grid Reference SO 712 377

Dating from Norman times, this large church is full of interest: monuments (don't miss Mrs Skynner's hat!), stained glass, tapestry kneelers – and a detached tower.



www.visithereforshirechurches.co.uk

#### A465 near Burley Gate

OS Grid Reference SO 603 484

A remote little church reached across a small field. Simple in plan with some remarkable 17th century furnishings and Victorian tile floor.



www.visitchurches.org.uk

#### MUCH COWARNE

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## MUCH MARCLE

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#### St Mary the Virgin

Off A465 Hereford Bromyard east of Burley Gate

OS Grid Reference SO 622 472

HR7 4JQ

Mostly 13th/14th century on Anglo-Saxon foundations. Victorian restoration after devastating 1840 fire. See Crusader effigy, 17th century tombs, blocked North Aisle. Recently restored bells. Much praised colour illustrated guide and history panels.



✗ The Three Horseshoes, Little Cowarne; Green Dragon, Chase Inn and Hop Pocket, Bishops Frome

www.visitherefordshirechurches.co.uk

#### St Bartholomew

On B4024

OS Grid Reference SO 657 327

Impressive church with fine arcades, clerestory and a central tower. Many fine monuments including a notable effigy of a 14th century lady, Blanche Mortimer. Several Kempe windows.



www.muchmarcle.net

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MUNSLEY

#### St Bartholomew

Off the A438 Hereford to Ledbury road. Follow lane until you see church sign on left.

Post Code HR8 2SQ

OS Grid Reference SO 662 409

Beautiful Norman church in glorious countryside, unspoilt and peaceful place to escape the stress of modern living. The churchyard contains a yew tree which is one of the biggest and oldest in Herefordshire – 1000 years old?



X Trumpet Tearooms, Trumpet inn and The Nest

www.visithereforshirechurches.co.uk

#### **PUTLEY**

Off A438 Hereford to Ledbury. Follow signs to Putley Green

HR8 2RD

OS Grid Reference SO 646 376

C 1100, restored 1875 with high Victorian reredos. Some Roman remains incorporated. Pew ends carved by children of the restoring family; one commemorating 1918 peace. Outside a fine 13th century plague cross and magnificent 1920 Calvary War Memorial. Services every Sunday 9.30am.

6 footpaths make us readily accessible.

Open all day light hours

X Trumpet Inn and The Nest on A438 www.putley.org.uk

#### STOKE LACY

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#### St Peter and St Paul

On A465 Hereford to Bromyard OS Grid Reference SO 620 494

The church most associated with the Morgan. A small peaceful rural church, largely Victorian with early Norman features remaining, as seen in the chancel arch and nave windows.



www.visithereforshirechurches.co.uk





#### St Lawrence

A417 Newtown to Trumpet Cross Roads HR8 2TS

OS Grid Reference SO 632 440

Dating from the 14th century rebuilding of earlier 12th century church. Several interesting 17th and 18th century monuments and memorials

www.visithereforshirechurches.co.uk



#### **THORNBURY**

WOOLHOPE

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#### St Anna's

2 miles off B4214 HR7 4NT

OS Grid Reference SO 622 596

Dating from the 12th century in close proximity to the Wall Hills Iron Age Fort. Norman font and many 13th century features including lancet windows and piscina. 17th century bier and attractive armorials.

Open daylight hours



www.visitherefordshirechurches.co.uk

#### St George's

Off B4224 (3 miles) OS ref: SO 611 357

The structure is largely Norman, late 12th century. The 13th century tower commands the valley named after Wulviva who, with her more famous sister Godiva, gave the land to the Dean and Chapter of Hereford. The sisters are commemorated in a striking window in the North aisle. Much restored in the 1880s under the benefaction of the Booker family of Wessington Court. The organ by William Vincent of Liverpool (1862) is particularly fine.

Open daylight hours



X The Crown and Butcher's Arms









#### WYE VALLEY

Lying south of Hereford and The Wye Valley AONB and between the rivers Wye and Monnow are the oldest references to Christianity in Herefordshire. Welsh was spoken well into the Middle Ages and many of the village and hamlet names date back to their Welsh heritage.

Flowing south from Hereford the Wye passes through fertile agricultural land and by lovely riverside villages before reaching the market town of Ross-on-Wye, the birthplace of the British tourist industry in 1745. The 700 year old parish church is the town's most prominent landmark and its tall spire is visible when approaching the town from all directions. Opposite the church, The Prospect is a public garden offering a view of the famous horseshoe bend in the River Wye, as well as views to the far distant Black Mountains of the Golden Valley. The town is known for its excellent independent shops, picturesque streets and market square with its market hall.

From Ross-on-Wye the Wye flows into the Symonds Yat Gorge and rapids where there are lovely woodland trails.

BRIDSTOW

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#### DIXTON

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#### St Peter

OS Grid Reference SO 584 248

It is likely that the earliest church on this site was a Welsh church, dedicated to St Freit (which is Celtic for St Bridget or Bride, hence its name today). It would have been constructed in wood and the mixture known as 'wattle and daub'. The tower dates from the late 14th century and it is the only part of the church which is original.

Open all day during the summer



www.visithereforshirechurches.co.uk

#### St Peter

Off Dixton Roundabout, Monmouth
OS Grid Reference SO 519 135

11th century church on the banks of the River Wye on the Wye Valley walk about half a mile from Monmouth. Saxon stonework, flood level markers, fine embroidery, carved oak gallery.



Hours of Access: Daily 8am-6pm

www.visithereforshirechurches.co.uk

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#### St Mary

HR9 6QY

OS Grid Reference SO 597 283

St Mary's commands one of the finest views across the River Wye. Originating in the 13th century, inside it has the shire's largest font and many fascinating memorials including one by the renowned Esau Osborn of Bristol



www.stmarysfoy.co.uk

# GARWAY St Michael

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Off the B4521, HR2 8RL

OS Grid Reference SO 455 224

One of only six Knights Templar churches in England. Set on high ground above the River Monnow, on the Welsh Border. The 12th century church contains much evidence of the Templar past (e.g., Templar coffin lids).



www.garway.org.uk

**HENTLAND** 

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#### **HOARWITHY**

#### St Dubricius

Off A49 between Harewood End and Pengethley - at end of no through road. HR9 6LP

OS Grid Reference SO 543 264

Ancient place of worship lovingly restored in the 19th century. There are many legends about St Dubricius, Interesting churchyard with 14th century church yard cross.

Open during daylight hours





X Harewood End Inn or Pengethley Manor Hotel

www.hentlandandhoarwithy.co.uk

#### St Catherine's

Off A49 between Ross and Hereford HR2 600

OS Grid Reference SO 545 294

A wonderful Italianate Romanesque church of the late 19th century. Fine views from the cloister walk and the magnificent interior includes white marble altar inlaid with lapis lazuli, Burne-Jones window and a gold mosaic dome. Access by steep path with steps.

Open daylight hours



X New Harp Inn in village

www.visitherefordshirechurches.co.uk

#### HOW CAPLE

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#### KINGS CAPLE

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#### St Andrew and St Mary

Pilgrims' Way off B4224 HR1 4SX

OS Grid Reference SO 611 305

Ornate, historic church with lovely traditional services. Friendly congregation and post-service refreshments which often include sherry. No wonder How Caple has become popular with wedding couples.

Normally open in daylight hours; if closed, ask for key at How Caple Court.

P & gravel path

www.achurchnearyou.com/ church/10569/

#### St John the Baptist

4 miles East of A49 Hereford to Ross OS Grid Reference SO 558 288

The churchyard stands on the bailey of a Norman castle. The Nave and Chancel are the oldest parts of the church and were built in the 13th century. The pulpit is Jacobean, Pax Cakes are still distributed every Palm Sunday to the congregation with the greeting "Peace and Good Neighbourhood". The church has six bells, the oldest dating from 1632.



www.visitchurches.org.uk

#### LITTLE DEWCHURCH

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#### LLANGARRON

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#### St David

Off A49 5 miles south of Hereford OS Grid Reference SO 529 317

Norman Tower. Chancel and nave restored by Frederick Preedy who designed chancel stained glass windows and reredos. The two paintings on metal by Preedy were restored in 2007.



www.stdavidslittledewchurch.org.uk

#### St Deinst

Between the A466 and A4137 HR9 6NJ

OS Grid Reference SO 530 211

St Deinst was a Celtic saint who died circa 584 and tradition suggests he founded a church in Llangarron under his name, one which does not appear elsewhere in England.

Open 9-5 every day



www.llangarron.info/church

Support from Big Lottery Award

#### **LLANGROVE**

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#### LLANROTHAL

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#### **Christ Church**

In the village

OS Grid Reference SO 526 192

Completed in 1856, this was the first church designed by G. F. Bodley, major architect of Victorian Gothic. Friend of William Morris, he went on to co-design the cathedral in Washington DC.



www.visitherefordshirechurches.co.uk

#### St John the Baptist

Off A466 near Welsh Newton

OS Grid Reference SO 470 185

Situated within a landscape of great beauty, this delightful yet simple remote church on the banks of the River Monnow. Thought to have been founded by the Celtic Saint Rhydoll in the 6th or 7th century.



www.visitchurches.org.uk

#### LLANWARNE

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#### MICHAELCHURCH

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#### **Christ Church**

Between A466 and B4348, HR2 8JE OS Grid Reference SO 505 281

19th century building set above road, in a peaceful rural location, built to replace the now ruined St John the Baptist church in the centre of the village. Special and rare 16th century Flemish glass roundels in the south windows and original floor.



www.visitherefordshirechurches.co.uk

#### St Michael

Off A4137/B4521

OS Grid Reference SO 521 255

Idyllically set down a deep lane by a pond, this simple 12th century church has a Roman altar, remains of wall paintings and some fine woodwork.



www.visitchurches.org.uk

#### MUCH DEWCHURCH

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#### St David's

On B4348 between A 49 and A465 HR2 8DL

OS Grid Reference SO 482 311

Mediaeval gem with 12th century nave and chancel (Norman arch), 13th century tower, Saxon font, and Jacobean pulpit: fascinating early 17th century sculpted wall monument depicting Walter Pye (Attorney General to James I), his wife and 13 children. Preaching Cross.

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www.muchdewchurchsociety.org.uk



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#### St John the Baptist

West of A466, 10 miles south of Hereford near St Weonards, HR2 8ES

OS Grid Reference SO 474 263

A picturesque medieval church in an idyllic rural setting. Known increasingly as "the Poets' Church", being the final resting place of the celebrated poet Frances Horovitz and a special venue for poetry and musical events.



www.stw.org.uk

#### ST WEONARDS

#### St Weonards

Mount Way

OS Grid Reference SO 496 243

HR2 8NII

St Weonard's Church is located on a hilltop with fine views across the surrounding South-west Herefordshire countryside. Visitors are welcome to explore our beautiful grade 1 listed building, which is open during the day. Please check the St Weonards website for news and service times, or find us on Facebook.

Open daylight hours



www.stw.org.uk/St-Weonards-church

#### **SELLACK**

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#### St Tysilio's

Off A49 between Hoarwithy and Ross on Wye. HR9 6QP.

OS Grid Reference SO 565 276

12th century church situated in an idyllic setting close to the River Wye. The unusual layout is the most surprising feature and the East Window contains glass dating back to the 15th century. The pulpit and musician's gallery are both Jacobean. The only English church dedicated to the Welsh Saint Tysilio. On Palm Sunday PAX Cakes are distributed with the blessing of "Peace and Good Neighbourhood".

Open daylight hours &

On the Herefordshire Trail

www.sellackchurch.co.uk

#### WELSH NEWTON

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#### St Mary the Virgin

A466 Hereford to Monmouth,

NP25 5RN

OS Grid Reference SO 499 180

A 13th century church which belonged to the Knights Templar & Hospitallers. The grave of Saint John Kemble lies in the church yard.



www.visitherefordshirechurches.co.uk

#### WHITCHURCH

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#### St Dubricius

B4164 at Symonds Yat West HR9 6DJ

OS Grid Reference SO 556 174

On the banks of the River Wye with the restored Gwillim Grave Enclosure. In the churchyard is a 300 year old tulip tree flowering in June/July and an old preaching cross. There are beautiful embroideries inside.



www.visitherefordshirechurches.co.uk

#### YATTON CHAPEL

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5m N of Ross-on-Wye B4224/A449 at Chapel Farm

OS Grid Reference SO 627 303

Humble and rustic - complete with earthen floor - this romantic little church has a farmyard setting. The great treasure is the fine 12th century doorway.



www.visitchurches.org.uk

#### NUMERICAL LISTING

#### PASTORAL

01 Portostros

UT Bartestree

02 Belmont

03 Brinsop

04 Credenhill

05 Eaton Bishop

06 Felton

07 Hampton Bishop

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09 Hereford – St Francis Xavier RC Church

10 Hereford St Peter's

11 Holr

12 Little Birch

13 Madley

14 Marden

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16 Withington

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Moravian Church

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32 Lyonehal

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