

Walk 3

Mid Lambrook Church

(Roger & Brenda Drayton)

From St James's St Car Park turn R up St James's St; at Methodist Church follow road up Palmer St, then follow round into Compton Rd. After 3 modern bungalows turn R down track (17) to stile; turn L behind houses (20), then R to metal rail stile and down hill at field edge (18). Turn L near bottom behind gardens, and follow through to Droveaway. (Alternatively reach Droveaway as for Walk 1). Walk to end of Droveaway, turn R and over stile immediately on L, along field edge (21) into next field with edge now on your left. Cross stile/bridge over drainage ditch facing you (NOT that to your L), then bear R to track (88) parallel to Lambrook Brook. Turn L on track, and follow round to R across stone bridge, past Mid Lambrook Manor (R) and the chapel (L) to a track/signpost on R. Follow this well marked route (L17/94) across 3 stiles, veer R on to the lower path before the 4th stile and emerge onto Church Lane. Turn R, past St James's Church, and turn R again at the bottom towards Orchard End Farm. At the farm gate, you can either turn L, across North Mills Brook by the metal bridge then along the path (12), across a stile and through a hamstone squeeze gate before the ½ mile walk between ponds and the willow-lined brook, under Mere Lynches up to Mare Lane, Silver St and return to the Car Park along Prigg Lane, or go through the gate to the L of the house and across a flat concrete bridge, then take the path (13) through the orchard (and occasional cattle), which is a delight in apple blossom time. After leaving the orchard by the gate, turn half R and walk diagonally across the field on the R of the hedge in front. At the far corner turn L over a low footbridge and follow the field edge along to the loose stones of the county road, through the gate to the end of Droveaway then back via North St and St James's St to the Car Park.

4 miles, minimum 8 stiles, 1½ hours

